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CHARACTERISTICS AND UPOV TEST GUIDELINESDocument prepared by the Office of the Union

1. After the compilation of document TC/XVII/3 the Office of UPOV received, in a letter dated September 17, 1981, further information from the Netherlands on Characteristics and UPOV Test Guidelines.
2. The above-mentioned information is reproduced in the Annex to this document.

[Annex follows]

## ANNEX

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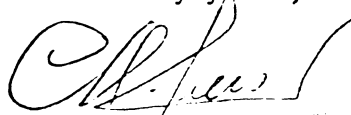
We can help you to the following answers on the questions you posed in your circular above-mentioned:

- 1e. In generally we are following the UPOV guidelines
- 2e. We have no elaborated Dutch guidelines
- 3e. Characteristics which are not in the UPOV guidelines and nevertheless are used in our descriptions, are generally not belonging to the group of "major characteristics".

As far as there are still any important discrepancies between national methods of examination and the UPOV guidelines, the Working Parties and specially the Workshops are engaged - and I thought with succes - in diminishing or even eliminating these discrepancies, by revising the guidelines (or perhaps by convincing the members to do it in another way).

Of course the Working Parties are working on tangible species and characteristics. Therefore we should appreciate in the Technical Committee a more general discussion. A discussion, for instance on the principles governing the inclusion or exclusion of characteristics or groups of characteristics in DUS examination and on the eventual restrictive nature of the guidelines.

Sincerely yours,

  
ir. M. Heuvel.

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