



**Quality parameters for DUS
examination**

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**How to judge the quality of a DUS
examination**

- **From a practical point of view:**

**How to judge the quality of a DUS
examination of another Examination
Office in the process of taking over of a
DUS report.**



Situation in the Netherlands

- **Strong promotor of the idea that DUS reports of high quality should be taken over to avoid extra work and extra costs**
- **Any authority can take over DUS reports from the Netherlands (Even not yet UPOV members)**
- **Bilateral cooperation is a valuable tool but requires clear quality requirements**



How the Netherlands decides if a DUS report can be taken over

- **DUS reports from fellow EU entrusted offices of species for which these offices are entrusted by CPVO, are taken over without any restrictions. (quality embedded in the CPVO criteria)**
- **DUS reports from offices with which we have a bilateral cooperation are taken over without restrictions. (“quality established in the process to sign a bilateral cooperation”)**



Taking over from another UPOV member without bilateral agreement

- **With the growing number of members, bilateral agreements are no longer realistic with all members.**
- **UPOV has no DUS quality standards prescribed**
- **How to judge the quality of a DUS test of another UPOV Member State?**



Types of quality parameters

1. **Linked to the organisation**
2. **Linked to the trial system and expertise of staff**
3. **Linked to the use of the UPOV system**
4. **Linked to the variety collection used and the decision process**



Quality of the organisation

- **Public/Private**
- **Independence**
- **Use of trials or administrative test**
- **Number of tests over last 5 years**
- **(Trial)facilities**
- **Record keeping**

- **To be checked by correspondence**



Trial system, expertise of staff

- **Official trials/trials at breeders premises etc**
- **Observations by own or independant experts or by applicant**
- **Level of education and experience of staff**

- **To be checked by correspondence**



Use of UPOV system

- **Activity in UPOV**
- **Level of UPOV training**
- **Implementation and use of UPOV guidelines**
- **Use of special trials (disease resistance e.g.)**
- **Number of plants in trial and observation**
- **Storage of material**

- **To be checked by correspondence**



Variety collection and decision

- **Quality and size of variety collection**
- **Method to exclude and include varieties in growing trial**
- **Varieties grown as similar varieties**
- **Protocol used**
- **Role of applicant**

- **Information to be added to each DUS report?**

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Inclusion of quality requirements in bilateral agreements (should we re-discuss the system of bilateral agreements)<li>- To agree on adjusting the DUS report to contain Quality info on application level?
	