

UPOV Circular E-20/030

Subject: Adoption of Test Guidelines by the Technical Committee by correspondence

To: TC and TC-EDC

April 8, 2020

Madam,  
Sir,

The purpose of this Circular is to propose the adoption of the following draft Test Guidelines by the Technical Committee (TC) by correspondence, on the basis of the attached recommendations by the Enlarged Editorial Committee (TC-EDC):

Revisions

Document	Name	TWP
<a href="#">TG/121/4(PROJ.3)_TC</a>	Triticale (x <i>Triticosecale</i> Witt.) (Revision)	TWA
<a href="#">TG/224/2(PROJ.4)_TC</a>	Ginseng ( <i>Panax ginseng</i> C.A. Mey) (Revision)	TWA
<a href="#">TG/242/2(PROJ.3)_TC</a>	Portulaca ( <i>Portulaca grandiflora</i> Hook., <i>Portulaca umbraticola</i> Kunth, <i>Portulaca oleracea</i> L.) (Revision)	TWO

Annex I (see attached) to this circular provides background information on the procedure for adoption of Test Guidelines by correspondence.

The recommendations by the Enlarged Editorial Committee (TC-EDC) on the Test Guidelines proposed for adoption by correspondence are provided in Annex II (see attached) to this document.

In the absence of objections by **May 20, 2020**, the Test Guidelines will be considered as adopted on the basis of the recommendations by the TC-EDC and the adopted Test Guidelines will be posted on the UPOV website in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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## ANNEX I

## ADOPTION OF TEST GUIDELINES BY CORRESPONDENCE

The Council, at its thirty-fourth extraordinary session, held in Geneva on April 6, 2017, decided to organize a single set of sessions from 2018, in the period of October/November (see document C(Extr.)/34/6 "Report on the decisions", paragraphs 12 to 14). From 2018, the meetings of the TC take place in October/November instead of March/April.

The Council decided that Test Guidelines that could not be prepared in time for adoption by the Technical Committee at its session could be adopted by correspondence on the basis of the recommendations by the Enlarged Editorial Committee (TC-EDC).

The procedure for adoption of Test Guidelines by correspondence is provided in document TGP/7/7 "Development of Test Guidelines" as follows:

"2.2.7 STEP 7 Consideration of Draft Test Guidelines by the TC-EDC

2.2.7.1 The TC-EDC has been established by the Technical Committee to examine drafts of all Test Guidelines, produced by the TWPs, before these are put forward for adoption by the Technical Committee. The role of the TC-EDC is to ensure consistency of the Test Guidelines with the requirements of document TGP/7 and to check the alignment of texts across all the official UPOV languages. It does not conduct a substantive technical review of the Test Guidelines. The members of the TC-EDC are selected by the TC, both to provide broad experience of the UPOV system and also to represent the UPOV languages – English, French, German and Spanish. The Chairperson of the TC-EDC is provided by the UPOV Secretariat.

"2.2.7.2 The TC-EDC reviews the draft Test Guidelines, taking into account any specific instructions from the Technical Committee, and makes a recommendation on whether the Test Guidelines are suitable for adoption (Step 8). It may make a proposal to the Technical Committee for adoption subject to amendments of an editorial nature, which it specifies.

"2.2.7.3 Unless otherwise agreed by the TC, the TC-EDC meets twice each year, once in the period March/April and once in conjunction with the TC session (October/November). The TC-EDC will consider Test Guidelines submitted by the Technical Working Parties at least 14 weeks prior to the TC-EDC meeting. Test Guidelines submitted less than 14 weeks prior to the TC-EDC meeting will be considered at its subsequent meeting.

"2.2.7.4 The potential outcomes for Test Guidelines considered by the TC-EDC are as follows:

- (a) no changes required to the Test Guidelines, or strictly editorial changes for which recommendations are agreed by the TC-EDC; or
- (b) editorial clarifications required; or
- (c) technical issues to be resolved.

"2.2.7.5 In cases where no changes are required to the Test Guidelines, or strictly editorial changes for which recommendations are agreed by the TC-EDC, the Test Guidelines will be put forward for adoption by the Technical Committee.

"2.2.7.6 The following procedure applies for Test Guidelines when editorial clarifications are required:

- request for clarifications is transmitted to the Leading Expert;
- clarifications to be provided within four weeks;
- if the clarifications are agreed by the TC-EDC, the Test Guidelines will be recommended for adoption at the TC-EDC meeting;
- the Test Guidelines are considered for adoption by the TC.

"2.2.7.7 The following procedure applies for Test Guidelines with technical issues to be resolved:

- technical issues to be transmitted to the Leading Expert;
- the technical issues are to be addressed at the respective Technical Working Party by means of a TWP document prepared by the Leading Expert at least four weeks before the TWP session (new draft Test Guidelines should not be prepared);
- resolution of the issues to be provided to the TC-EDC at least seven weeks before the TC-EDC meeting;
- if agreed by the TC-EDC, the Test Guidelines would be recommended for adoption at the TC-EDC meeting;
- Test Guidelines are considered for adoption by the TC.

“2.2.8 STEP 8 Adoption of Draft Test Guidelines by the Technical Committee

“2.2.8.1 The Technical Committee will, on the basis of the recommendations of the TC-EDC, decide whether to adopt the Test Guidelines, or refer them back to the TWP concerned.

“2.2.8.2 The Technical Committee may adopt Test Guidelines at its session or by correspondence. Test Guidelines may be adopted by correspondence according to the following procedure:

- the draft Test Guidelines are circulated to the TC for adoption by correspondence with the recommendations by the TC-EDC;
- the draft Test Guidelines are considered as adopted if no comments are received within six weeks;
- if any comments are received, the draft Test Guidelines are referred to the relevant TWP to address those comments.

“2.2.8.3 Where the Technical Committee adopts the Test Guidelines, the Office will make all amendments agreed by the Technical Committee, which will be recorded in a report of the relevant Technical Committee meeting. The Office will then publish the adopted Test Guidelines within four months from the date of adoption.

[Annex II follows]

## ANNEX II

RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE TC-EDC ON TEST GUIDELINES  
CIRCULATED FOR ADOPTION BY CORRESPONDENCE

## Revisions

Triticale (x <i>Triticosecale</i> Witt.)	TG/121/4(proj.3)	Mr. Tanvir Hossain (AU)	TWA	
	No. of chars.: 24 No. of (*) chars.: 9	(Interested experts: AR, AT, BR, CA, CZ, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, HU, IT, KE, KR, NL, NZ, PL, QZ, RO, SK, CLI, Euroseeds, ISF)		

The TC-EDC, at its meeting held in Geneva, on March 24, 2020, considered document TG/121/4(proj.3) and made the recommendations presented in the table below.

The TC-EDC agreed that, subject to agreement by the Leading Expert on the recommendations provided, the draft Test Guidelines for Triticale be circulated to the TC for adoption by correspondence.

2.3	last paragraph to read "The ears should ..."
3.1.2	to be deleted (only applicable for perennial crops)
4.2.8	"... exception of characteristics 1 and 2 ..."
Char. 12	to read "Stem: density of hairs on neck"
Char. 18	to read "Lower glume: hairs on external surface"

Ginseng ( <i>Panax ginseng</i> C.A. Mey)	TG/224/2(proj.4)	Mr. Wonsig Lee/ Mr. Kwanghong Lee (KR)	TWA	
	No. of chars.: 29 No. of (*) chars.: 16	(Interested experts: JP, ISF)		

The TC-EDC, at its meeting held in Geneva, on March 24, 2020, considered document TG/224/2(proj.4) and made the recommendations presented in the table below.

The TC-EDC agreed that, subject to agreement by the Leading Expert on the recommendations provided, the draft Test Guidelines for Ginseng be circulated to the TC for adoption by correspondence.

Table of Chars.	to sort characteristics by growth stages
Chars. 5, 8	to have scale of notes from "absent or very light" to "very dark" (intensity)
Char. 6	state 2 to read "on lower and upper part only"
Char. 9	to be moved before Characteristic 7
Chars. 19 to 22	to be moved after char. 1 according to growth stage
Char. 22	to read "Time of berry maturity"
8.1 (a)	to delete "among stems"
8.1 (c)	"... compound <del>leaf-leaves</del> ."
Ad. 4	to read "Measurements should be made on the broadest part of the stem, usually 2-3 cm from soil."
Ad. 11	to remove reference to "b" and "c". They are not used.
Ad. 19	to read "Beginning of flowering is <u>reached</u> when ..."
Ad. 22	to read "Time of berry maturity is reached when ..."
Ad. 26	to remove "c = Lateral root". It is not used anywhere
8.3	to read "8.3 Growth stages"
9.	to remove the space before "C" in the reference to "Victoria B.C."

Portulaca ( <i>Portulaca grandiflora</i> Hook.; <i>Portulaca oleracea</i> L.; <i>Portulaca umbraticola</i> Kunth)	TG/242/4(proj.3)	Ms. Andrea Menne (DE)	TWO	
	No. of chars.: 25 No. of (*) chars.: 14	(Interested experts: JP, MX, NL, QZ)		

The TC-EDC, at its meeting held in Geneva, in October 2019, considered document TG/242/4(proj.2) and made the recommendations presented in the table below.

Char. 12	to delete (b)
#Chars. 9, 14, 23	to add example varieties for Characteristics 9, 14 and 23) (see document TGP/7 (GN 28)) (for Characteristics 9 and 14 the ones illustrating the states in Ad. 9 and 14 could be used) <i>provided by Leading Expert</i>
Char. 24	to delete "Only varieties with ..."
8.1 (a)	to read "Observations should be made on the upper side of fully developed leaves from the middle part of a plant."
8.1 (b)	to read "Observations should be made on the inner side of a fully open flower."
8.1 (c)	to read "Observations should be made on the inner side. Unless otherwise indicated observations on the petal of double flowers should be made on the outermost whorl of petals."
Ad. 19	"In varieties with ..."
TQ	to add 1.4.1 and 1.4.2 with empty boxes (e.g. to indicate interspecific hybrids)

The TC-EDC agreed there were editorial clarifications required (indicated above by "#") on the draft Test Guidelines for Portulaca (document TG/242/4(proj.2)) and agreed to reconsider the draft Test Guidelines at its meeting to be held in March 2020.

The items in the list above have been implemented in document TG/242/4(proj.3).

The TC-EDC, at its meeting held in Geneva, on March 24, 2020, considered document TG/224/2(proj.3) and the editorial clarifications previously required (indicated above by "#"). The TC-EDC agreed with the information provided by the Leading Expert and made the recommendations presented in the table below.

The TC-EDC agreed that, subject to agreement by the Leading Expert on the recommendations provided, the draft Test Guidelines for Portulaca be circulated to the TC for adoption by correspondence.

4.2.4	"... for seed-propagated <u>varieties</u> should ..."
Char. 25	to delete "Only varieties with ..." (as for Char. 24)
Ad. 25	to add full stop after "See Ad. 24"

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