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Partial revision of the Test Guidelines For COMMOn Sea buckthorn

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 The purpose of this document is to present a proposal for a partial revision of the Test Guidelines for Common Sea Buckthorn (document TG/240/1).

 The Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF), at its fifty-first session, hosted by France and organized by electronic means, from July 6 to 10, 2020, considered a proposal for a partial revision of the Test Guidelines for Common Sea Buckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides* L.) on the basis of documents TG/240/1 and TWF/51/4 “Partial revision of the Test Guidelines Common Sea Buckthorn” and proposed a revision of the explanation Ad. 21 (see document TWF/51/10 “Report”, Annex IV).

 The proposed changes are presented below in highlight and underline (insertion) and ~~strikethrough~~ (deletion).

## Characteristic 21 “Time of beginning of flowering”

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|  |  | English | français | Deutsch | español | Example Varieties/Exemples/Beispielssorten/Variedades ejemplo | Note/Nota |
| 21.(+) | MG | Time of beginning of flowering | Époque de début de floraison | Zeitpunkt des Blühbeginns | Época de comienzo de la floración |  |  |
| **QN** |  | early | précoce | früh | temprana | Terhy, Tytti | 3 |
|  |  | medium | moyenne | mittel | media | Bojan, Dorana, Hergo, Maslichnaya | 5 |
|  |  | late | tardive | spät | tardía | Leikora, Slovan | 7 |

Proposed change to explanation Ad. 21 “Time of beginning of flowering”

*Current wording*

Ad. 21: Time of beginning of flowering

Time of beginning of flowering is when 10 % of flowers are fully open.

*Proposed new wording*

Ad. 21: Time of beginning of flowering

~~Time of beginning of flowering is when 10 % of flowers are fully open.~~

For female plants, the time of beginning of flowering is reached when the first stigmas are visible (the stigmas emerge from axils).

For male plants, the time of beginning of flowering is reached when anthers spread pollen.

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