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Matters to be resolved concerning Test Guidelines put forward for adoption by the Technical Committee: Lavandula/Lavender

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The Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO), at its fifty-fifth session[[1]](#footnote-2), agreed that the draft Test Guidelines for Lavandula, Lavender be submitted to the Technical Committee (TC) for adoption at its fifty-ninth session, held in Geneva on October 23 and 24, 2023 (see document TWO/55/11 “*Report*”, paragraphs 46 and 52).

On request by the Leading Expert, Ms. Laetitia Denecheau (European Union), and in agreement with the TWO Chairperson, Ms. Hilary Papworth (United Kingdom), the TWO, at its fifty-sixth session[[2]](#footnote-3),   
re-considered the following characteristics of the draft Test Guidelines for Lavandula, Lavender:

1. Characteristic 12 “Leaf: incisions of margin”
2. Characteristic 26 “Only varieties with Plant type: without infertile bracts: Spike: ratio length from second whorl / number of whorls”

The TC-EDC is invited to consider the outcome of discussions at the TWO on the above-mentioned characteristics, along with document TG/194/2(proj.4), initially prepared for consideration by the Technical Committee (TC) at its fifty-ninth session, held in Geneva on October 23 and 24, 2023.

## Characteristic 12 “Leaf: incisions of margin”

* Proposal to rename the characteristic: “Leaf: type”

-with 3 states of expressions, 1 entire // 2 incised // 3 divided

-to keep the same example varieties

-to add the explanation (+)

* Proposal to move the characteristic ahead in the table of characteristics, at the beginning of the leaf characteristics (just after the characteristic Plant: density)

*Current wording:*

|  |  | English | | français | | deutsch | español | Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo | Note/ Nota |
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| **12.** | **(\*)** | **QN** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(a)** |  | | | |
|  |  | |  | | --- | | **Leaf: incisions of margin** | | | |  | | --- | | **Feuille : incisions du bord** | | | |  | | --- | | **Blatt: Randeinschnitte** | | |  | | --- | | **Hoja: incisiones de margen** | |  |  |
|  |  | absent or shallow | | absentes ou peu profondes | | fehlend oder flach | ausente o poco profundas | Felice pink (1), Purpleberry Ruffles (9) | 1 |
|  |  | medium | | moyennes | | mittel | media | Meerlo (1),  Pure Harmony (9) | 2 |
|  |  | deep | | profondes | | tief | profundas |  | 3 |

*Proposed new wording:*

|  |  | English | | français | | deutsch | español | Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo | Note/ Nota |
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| **12.** | **(\*)** | **PQ** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(a)** |  | | | |
|  |  | |  | | --- | | **Leaf: type** | | | |  | | --- | | **Feuille : type** | | | |  | | --- | | **Blatt: Typ** | | |  | | --- | | **Hoja: tipo** | |  |  |
|  |  | entire | | entier | | ganzrandig | entero | Felice pink (1), Purpleberry Ruffles (9) | 1 |
|  |  | incised | | incisé | | eingeschnitten | incisiones | Meerlo (1),  Pure Harmony (9) | 2 |
|  |  | divided | | découpé | | gelappt | dividido |  | 3 |

Ad. 12: Leaf: type

A leaf with different types of leaves

Description automatically generated with medium confidence

entire incised divided

Characteristic 26 “Only varieties with Plant type: without infertile bracts: Spike: ratio length from second whorl / number of whorls”

* Proposal to rename the characteristic: “Only varieties with Plant type: without infertile bracts: Spike: density.”

-with 9 states of expression: 1-very sparse to 9-very dense

-to add VG

-to keep the same characteristic number in the table of characteristics

-with the examples varieties as listed below

-with the explanation (+)

*Current wording:*

|  |  | English | | français | | deutsch | español | Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo | Note/ Nota |
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| **26.** | **(\*)** | **QN** | **MG/MS** | **(+)** | **(b)** |  | | | |
|  |  | |  | | --- | | **Only varieties with Plant type: without infertile bracts: Spike: ratio length from second whorl / number of whorls** | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | very low | |  | |  |  | KLELV16122 (1) | 1 |
|  |  | very low to low | |  | |  |  |  | 2 |
|  |  | low | |  | |  |  | LAAZ0008 (1) | 3 |
|  |  | low to medium | |  | |  |  | BKLVDVABL (1) | 4 |
|  |  | medium | |  | |  |  | Niko (1) | 5 |
|  |  | medium to high | |  | |  |  | Meerlo (1) | 6 |
|  |  | high | |  | |  |  | Ostinato (1) | 7 |
|  |  | high to very high | |  | |  |  |  | 8 |
|  |  | very high | |  | |  |  |  | 9 |

*Proposed new wording:*

|  |  | English | | français | | deutsch | español | Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo | Note/ Nota |
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| **26.** | **(\*)** | **QN** | **MG/MS/VG** | **(+)** | **(b)** |  | | | |
|  |  | |  | | --- | | **Only varieties with Plant type: without infertile bracts: Spike: density** | | | |  | | --- | | **Seulement variétés avec Type de plante : sans bractées stériles : Épi : densité** | | | |  | | --- | | **Nur Sorten mit Pflanzentyp: ohne sterile Hüllblätter: Ähre: Dichte** | | |  | | --- | | **Solo variedades con Tipo de planta: sin brácteas estériles: Espiga: densidad** | |  |  |
|  |  | very sparse | | très lâche | | sehr locker | muy laxa |  | 1 |
|  |  | very sparse to sparse | | très lâche à lâche | | sehr locker bis locker | muy laxa a laxa |  | 2 |
|  |  | sparse | | lâche | | locker | laxa | Ostinato (1) | 3 |
|  |  | sparse to medium | | lâche à moyenne | | locker bis mittel | laxa a media | Meerlo (1) | 4 |
|  |  | medium | | moyenne | | mittel | media | Niko (1) | 5 |
|  |  | medium to dense | | moyenne à dense | | mittel bis dicht | media a densa | BKLVDVABL (1) | 6 |
|  |  | dense | | dense | | dicht | densa | LAAZ0008 (1) | 7 |
|  |  | dense to very dense | | dense à très dense | | dicht bis sehr dicht | densa a muy densa |  | 8 |
|  |  | very dense | | très dense | | sehr dicht | muy densa | KLELV16122 (1) | 9 |

Ad. 26: Only varieties with Plant type: without infertile bracts: Spike: density

Observations should exclude the distance between the first and second whorls.

The density is the length of the spike from the second whorl divided by the number of whorls.

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| A close up of a plant  Description automatically generated | A close-up of a flower  Description automatically generated | A purple flower on a stem  Description automatically generated |
| 1 | 5 | 9 |
| very sparse | medium | very dense |

(all pictures show the first whorl)

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1. organized by electronic means, from June 12 to 16, 2023 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. organized by electronic means, from April 29 to May 2, 2024 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)