

Enlarged Editorial Committee**TC-EDC/Jan25/4****Virtual meeting, January 13 and 15, 2025****Original:** English**Date:** November 15, 2024**MATTERS TO BE RESOLVED CONCERNING TEST GUIDELINES PUT FORWARD FOR ADOPTION BY THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: LAVANDULA/LAVENDER***Document prepared by an expert from the European Union**Disclaimer: this document does not represent UPOV policies or guidance*

1. The Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO), at its fifty-fifth session¹, 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).
2. 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 session², re-considered the following characteristics of the draft Test Guidelines for Lavandula, Lavender:
 - (a) Characteristic 12 "Leaf: incisions of margin"
 - (b) Characteristic 26 "Only varieties with Plant type: without infertile bracts: Spike: ratio length from second whorl / number of whorls"
3. 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.

¹ organized by electronic means, from June 12 to 16, 2023² organized by electronic means, from April 29 to May 2, 2024

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)

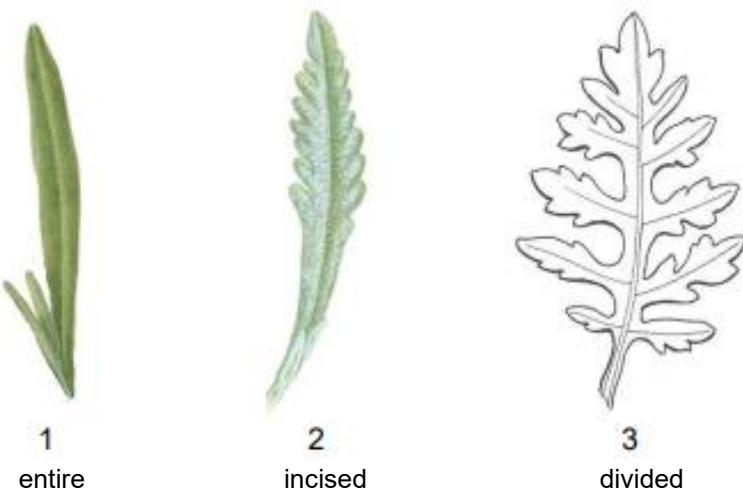
Current wording:

	English		français		deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
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
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



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
26	(*)	QN	MG/MS	(+)	(b)		
		<u>Only varieties with Plant type: without infertile bracts: Spike: ratio length from second whorl / number of whorls</u>					
		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

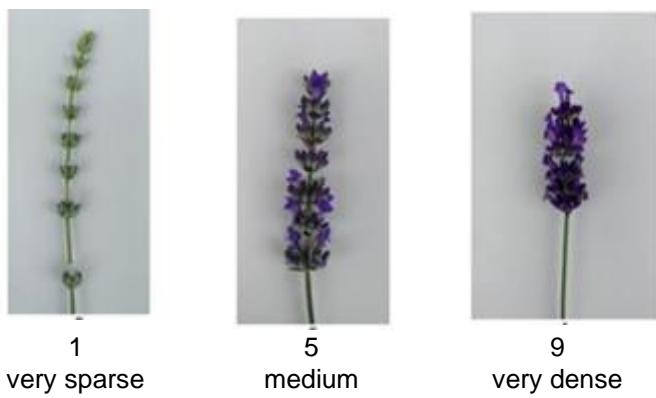
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		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
26.	(*)	QN	MG/MS/VG	(+)	(b)		
		Only varieties with Plant type: without infertile bracts: Spike: density	Seulement variétés avec Type de 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.



(all pictures show the first whorl)

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