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Partial Revision of the Test Guidelines for Japanese Plum

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The purpose of this document is to present a proposal for a partial revision of the Test Guidelines for Japanese Plum (document TG/84/4 Corr. 2).

The Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF), at its forty-eighth session, held in Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada, from September 18 to 22, 2017, considered a proposal for a partial revision of the Test Guidelines for Japanese Plum (*Prunus salicina* Lindl.) on the basis of documents TG/84/4 Corr. 2 and TWF/48/12 “Partial Revision of the Test Guidelines for Japanese Plum” and proposed the following revisions to the Test Guidelines for Japanese Plum (see document TWF/48/13 “Report”, paragraph 120):

1. State 1 of characteristic 42 “Fruit: over color of skin” to read “none” instead of “yellow” and change of example variety of state 6 “dark blue”
2. Addition of Characteristic 42 “Fruit: over color of skin” to existing explanation for Characteristics 40 “Fruit: ground color of skin” and 41 “Fruit: relative area of over color” in Chapter 8.2 “Explanations for individual characteristics”

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

Proposal for state 1 to read “none” instead of “yellow” and change of example variety of state 6 “dark blue”

*Current wording*

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| **42. (\*)  (+)** | **VG** | Fruit: over color of skin | Fruit : lavis | Frucht: Deckfarbe der Schale | Fruto: color superficial de la epidermis |  |  |
| **PQ** | **(c)** | yellow | jaune | gelb | amarillo | Golden Japan | 1 |
|  |  | orange yellow | jaune orangé | orangegelb | amarillo anaranjado | Formosa | 2 |
|  |  | medium red | rouge moyen | mittelrot | rojo medio | Red Beauty | 3 |
|  |  | dark red | rouge foncé | dunkelrot | rojo oscuro | Starking Delicious, Taiyou | 4 |
|  |  | purple | pourpre | purpurn | púrpura | Karari, Morettini 355 | 5 |
|  |  | dark blue | bleu foncé | dunkelblau | azul oscuro | Black Amber | 6 |
|  |  | black | noir | schwarz | negro | Angeleno | 7 |

*Proposed new wording*

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Proposal to add Characteristic 42 to existing explanation for Characteristics 40 “Fruit: ground color of skin” and 41 “Fruit: relative area of over color” in Chapter 8.2 “Explanations for individual characteristics”

*Current wording*

Ad. 40: Fruit: ground color of skin

Ad. 41: Fruit: relative area of over color

To be observed without the bloom. The ground color is the first color to appear chronologically during the development of the skin and upon which other colors will develop in time in the form of spots, a macule, or a color flush or blush. It is not always necessarily the largest area of the fruit. The over color is the second color developing over time over the ground color. The coloration does not necessarily cover the smallest area of the fruit and consists of a pattern such as a flush or flecking.

*Proposed new wording*

Ad. 40: Fruit: ground color of skin

Ad. 41: Fruit: relative area of over color

Ad. 42: Fruit: over color of skin

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