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MATTERS TO BE RESOLVED CONCERNING TEST GUIDELINES PUT FORWARD FOR ADOPTION BY THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: LING, SCOTS HEATHER

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1. The Enlarged Editorial Committee (TC-EDC) at its meeting on October 18, 19 and 24, 2022, considered the draft Test Guidelines for Ling, Scots Heather (document [TG/94/7\(PROJ.3\)](#)) and agreed that it required editorial clarifications to be provided by the Leading Expert. The TC-EDC agreed to reconsider the draft Test Guidelines at its meeting to be held in March 2023.
2. Recommendations from the TC-EDC on the draft Test Guidelines for Ling, Scots Heather are presented in the table below, including the required editorial clarifications (indicated with “#”) and responses from the Leading Expert, Ms. Daniela Christ (Germany):

Cover page	to add “Bruyère commune” and “Bruyère callune” as French alternative names
2.2	to delete “well-rooted”
#Table of chars.	to check whether to reduce “Only varieties with...” exclusions from the char. title and find a better approach (possible explanations in Chapter 8.1) <i>Leading Expert agreed and proposes the following changes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to delete exclusion “Only varieties with ... “ in characteristics 19 to 23 - to merge char. 19 and 22 as follows: characteristic 19 to read “Flower: main color of outer side of sepal <u>at beginning of flowering</u>” and to delete characteristic 22 “ - characteristic 21 to read “Flower: color of outer side of petal <u>at end of flowering</u>” - to move characteristic 23 before characteristic 20 and to read “Flower: main color of outer side of sepal <u>at end of flowering</u>”
Char. 4	to add MS
Char. 5	to read “Shoot: color”
Char. 6	to read “... Shoot apex: leaf color”
Char. 7	to read “... Shoot apex: leaf color on sunny side in winter”
Chars. 7, 11	to replace “black purple” with “blackish purple”
Chars. 8 to 11	to replace “main color” by “color”
Chars. 9 to 11	<i>Leading Expert: to underline the observation period (“...<u>in summer</u>”, “<u>in autumn</u>”, “<u>in winter</u>”)</i>
Char. 10	to replace “black green” with “blackish green”
Char. 12	state 3 to read “on lateral shoots”

Char. 12	<p>to be split in two QL char.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Inflorescence: branching” with states (1) absent, (9) present - “Only varieties with Inflorescence: branching: absent: Inflorescence: arrangement of flowers” with states (1) solitary and (2) whorl - both to be indicated as VG, (*), (a), combined (+) (See Ad. ...) <p><i>Leading Expert: to merge state 1 and 2, to delete “Only varieties with ...” and to read “Inflorescence: branching” (1) absent with example varieties Angie, Lisbeth, (2) present with example variety “Sabella”</i></p> <p>Ad. 12:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>1 <i>absent</i></p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>9 <i>present</i></p> </div> </div>
8.1 (a)	to read “... middle third of the shoots”
8.1 (b)	to read “... on the shaded part of the plant.”
8.1 (c)	to read “...after a few days with minimum temperatures below zero degrees Celsius.”
8.1 (e)	to read “Observations should be made when 10 % of the plants have at least 10 senescent flowers.”

3. The TC-EDC will consider the above information on the draft Test Guidelines for Ling, Scots Heather at its meeting to be held in March 2023 and the Test Guidelines be submitted to the TC for adoption by correspondence.

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