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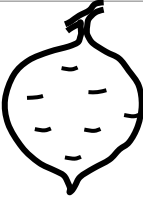
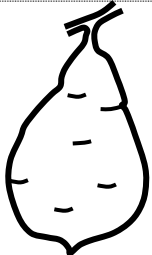


TEST GUIDELINES FOR SWEET POTATO

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1. At its forty-third session, held in Beijing, China, from April 20 to 24, 2009, the Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV) considered the draft Test Guidelines for Sweet Potato (*Ipomoea batatas* (L. Lam.)) on the basis of document TG/SWEETPOT(proj.4), as presented by Mr. Keun-Jin Choi (Republic of Korea). The TWV made the following comments (see document TWV/43/17 "Report", paragraph 45):

5.3	to delete characteristics 8 and 17 and add characteristic 9
Table of Chars.	to delete all references to countries in parentheses after example varieties
Char. 8	to be indicated as VG and state 1 to read "absent or sparse"
Char. 9	to be indicated as QL, VG and to add (*)
Char. 10	to read " <u>Only varieties with leaf lobes absent</u> : Leaf blade: shape" and to have states as cordate (1); triangular (2); reniform (3); circular (4)
Char. 14	state 1 to read "absent or very small" and to add state "small" (3) and to check example varieties
Char. 15	to be indicated as QN, VG; to add notes (a) and (d); and state 1 to read "very weak"
Char. 16	to be indicated as VG

Char. 18	to be deleted
Char. 20	to be indicated as VG, to read “Plant: presence of flowers”, to amend state 1 to read “absent” and state 9 to read “present” and to check example varieties
Char. 21	state 3 to read “small (moderately compressed)” and state 7 to read “large (moderately elongated)”
Char. 22	to read “Storage root: shape” with the states: ovate (1); elliptic (2); obovate (3); oblong (4); irregular (5)
Char. 23	to be deleted
Char. 26	to be indicated as PQ
Char. 27	to add example varieties from Char. 29
Char. 28	to have notes 1, 2, 3 and to add example varieties from Char. 27 in appropriate states
Char. 29	to be indicated as VG
Char. 30	to have notes 1, 2, 3
Ad. 11	to correct notes and to add illustration for state 9 for three-lobed variety
Ad. 22	to be presented as below:

position of broadest part		
below middle	at middle	above middle
 <p>1 ovate</p>	 <p>2 circular</p>	 <p>3 obovate</p>
	 <p>4 oblong</p>	
	 <p>5 irregular</p>	

Ad. 26	to read “The secondary color is the color with the second largest surface area of skin.”
Ad. 27	to read “The main color is the color with the largest surface area of storage root in cross section”
Ad. 29	to read “The secondary color is the color with the second largest surface area of storage root in cross section”
TQ 5.2, 5.4, 5.5, 5.7, 5.8	to be deleted
TQ 7.3	to read “Other information: Main use: Food / Feed [] Ornamental []”

2. The TWV agreed that the draft Test Guidelines for Sweet Potato should be sent to the Technical Committee (TC) for adoption at its forty-sixth session, to be held in Geneva in March 2010, on the basis of document TG/SWEETPOT(proj.4) and the comments above.

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