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PROPOSAL FOR A PARTIAL REVISION OF THE TEST GUIDELINES FOR WHEAT

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1. The Test Guidelines for Wheat (document TG/3/11) were revised in 1996. However, since 1996 there have been applications for new types of wheat varieties which are not adequately covered by the current Test Guidelines. To address those new types, it is proposed that there be a partial revision of the Test Guidelines in order to update characteristic 24 “Grain: color”.
2. At present, characteristic 24 “Grain: color” has two states of expression, white (1) and red (2). Most wheat varieties express the state of expression of red (2). However, there are wheat varieties which exhibit a third state of expression, “purple”. It is proposed to add a state of expression “purple” to characteristic 24 to allow for these wheat varieties. Therefore, it is proposed to make the following update to the Test Guidelines

*Chapter VII. Table of Characteristics*

<b>24</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>Grain: color</b>	Example variety	Note
(*)	<b>VG</b>	white	Recital; Florence	
		red	Aurore	1
		purple	Soissons; Ventura	2
			Amethyst; Craw 133	3

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