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COVERAGE OF ORNAMENTAL VARIETIES IN TEST GUIDELINES
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1. Document TC/46/2 “Test Guidelines”, considered by the Technical Committee (TC) at its forty-sixth session, held in Geneva from March 22 to 24, 2010, presented a proposal by the Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO) concerning the Test Guidelines for Cassava, being developed by the Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA) and the Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV), and the Test Guidelines for Rosemary, being developed by the TWV. The TWO proposed that the following sentence be provided in Chapter 1 of the Test Guidelines:

“These Test Guidelines apply to all varieties of
[*Manihot esculenta* Crantz. (for Cassava)] / [*Rosmarinus officinalis* L. (for Rosemary)].

“ In the case of ornamental varieties, it may, in particular, be necessary to use additional characteristics to those included in the Table of Characteristics in order to examine Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability.”

On that basis, the TWO agreed that it would not be necessary for the TWO to consider the draft Test Guidelines currently under development.

2. The TC agreed to that approach (see document TC/46/15 “Report on the conclusions”, paragraph 101). On that basis, the wording above could be introduced as new Additional Standard Wording (ASW) for Chapter 1 of the Test Guidelines in a revision of TGP/7 “Development of Test Guidelines”.

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