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**TECHNICAL WORKING PARTY FOR AGRICULTURAL CROPS****Thirty-Ninth Session  
Osijek, Croatia, May 24 to 28, 2010****PROCEDURE FOR THE PARTIAL REVISION OF TEST GUIDELINES  
FOR PEA (DOCUMENT TG/7/10) AND FOR FRENCH BEAN (DOCUMENT TG/12/9)***Document prepared by the Office of the Union*Introduction

1. The Technical Committee (TC), at its forty-sixth session, held in Geneva, from March 22 to 24, 2010, agreed that a partial revision of Test Guidelines for Pea (document TG/7/10) and Test Guidelines for French Bean (document TG/12/9) should be considered by the Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV) and the Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA) at their sessions in 2010 (see paragraph 101 of document TC/46/15 "Report on the Conclusions" and Annex II of document TC/46/2).

Partial revision of Test Guidelines for Pea (document TG/7/10)

2. The TWV, at its forty-third session, held in Beijing from April 20 to 24, 2009, agreed that Mr. François Boulineau (France) should prepare a questionnaire survey, to be issued by the Office of the Union, on characteristics used for grouping in Pea (see paragraph 62 of document TWV/43/17 "Report").

3. The Chairpersons of the TWV and TWA agreed that the questionnaire should be extended to cover agricultural peas in order to ensure that the results will be relevant for all types of varieties covered by the UPOV Test Guidelines. By Circular E-1266 of April 26, 2010, the questionnaire was sent to the members of the TWV and TWA.

4. On the basis that the questionnaire was instigated by the TWV and given the short time before the thirty-ninth session of the TWA (May 24 to 28, 2010), the Chairpersons of the TWV and TWA agreed that the TWV consider the results of the questionnaire at its forty-fourth session to be held in Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria, from July 5 to 9, 2010, and that a report be made to the TWA in 2011, together with any proposals for a revision of the grouping characteristics in the form of a partial revision of the Test Guidelines for Pea.

Partial revision of Test Guidelines for French Bean (document TG/12/9)

5. The TWV, at its forty-third session, agreed that the TWV should discuss the partial revision of disease characteristics in the Test Guidelines for French Bean (document TWV/12/9) (see paragraph 67 of document TWV/43/17 “Report”) at its forty-fourth session.

6. By Circular E-1285 of April 28, 2010, a proposal for partial revision of Test Guidelines for French Bean, prepared by Mr. François Boulineau (France), Leading Expert for French Bean, was circulated to the TWA and TWV for comments.

7. On the basis of any comments received, Mr. Boulineau will prepare a document for a partial revision of the Test Guidelines for French Bean. Given the short time before the thirty-ninth session of the TWA, the Chairpersons of the TWV and TWA agreed that the TWV consider the proposed partial revision of the Test Guidelines for French Bean at its forty-fourth session, and a report be made to the TWA in 2011.

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