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GUIDELINESFOR THE CONDUCT OF TESTS  
FOR DISTINCTNESS, UNIFORMITY AND STABILITY

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| *Botanical name* | *English* | *French* | *German* | *Spanish* |
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| *Saccharum* L. | Sugarcane | Canne à sucre | Zuckerrohr | Caña de azúcar |

The purpose of these guidelines (“Test Guidelines”) is to elaborate the principles contained in the General Introduction (document TG/1/3), and its associated TGP documents, into detailed practical guidance for the harmonized examination of distinctness, uniformity and stability (DUS) and, in particular, to identify appropriate characteristics for the examination of DUS and production of harmonized variety descriptions.

**ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

These Test Guidelines should be read in conjunction with the General Introduction and its associated

TGP documents.

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# Subject of these Test Guidelines

These Test Guidelines apply to all varieties of *Saccharum* L..

# Material Required

2.1 The competent authorities decide on the quantity and quality of the plant material required for testing the variety and when and where it is to be delivered. Applicants submitting material from a State other than that in which the testing takes place must ensure that all customs formalities and phytosanitary requirements are complied with.

2.2 The material is to be supplied in the form of vegetative cuttings which are about 6 to 12 months old.

2.3 The minimum quantity of plant material, to be supplied by the applicant, should be:

12 segments of culm with 3 buds each.

2.4 The plant material supplied should be visibly healthy, not lacking in vigor, nor affected by any important pest or disease.

2.5 The plant material should not have undergone any treatment which would affect the expression of the characteristics of the variety, unless the competent authorities allow or request such treatment. If it has been treated, full details of the treatment must be given.

# Method of Examination

## 3.1  Number of Growing Cycles

3.1.1 The minimum duration of tests should normally be a single growing cycle.

3.1.2 The testing of a variety may be concluded when the competent authority can determine with certainty the outcome of the test.

## 3.2  Testing Place

Tests are normally conducted at one place. In the case of tests conducted at more than one place, guidance is provided in TGP/9 “Examining Distinctness”.

## 3.3  Conditions for Conducting the Examination

The tests should be carried out under conditions ensuring satisfactory growth for the expression of the relevant characteristics of the variety and for the conduct of the examination.

## 3.4  Test Design

Each test should be designed to result in a total of at least 12 plants which should be divided between at least 2 replicates.

## 3.5  Additional Tests

Additional tests, for examining relevant characteristics, may be established.

# Assessment of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability

## 4.1  Distinctness

4.1.1 General Recommendations

It is of particular importance for users of these Test Guidelines to consult the General Introduction prior to making decisions regarding distinctness. However, the following points are provided for elaboration or emphasis in these Test Guidelines.

4.1.2 Consistent Differences

The differences observed between varieties may be so clear that more than one growing cycle is not necessary. In addition, in some circumstances, the influence of the environment is not such that more than a single growing cycle is required to provide assurance that the differences observed between varieties are sufficiently consistent. One means of ensuring that a difference in a characteristic, observed in a growing trial, is sufficiently consistent is to examine the characteristic in at least two independent growing cycles.

4.1.3 Clear Differences

Determining whether a difference between two varieties is clear depends on many factors, and should consider, in particular, the type of expression of the characteristic being examined, i.e. whether it is expressed in a qualitative, quantitative, or pseudo-qualitative manner. Therefore, it is important that users of these Test Guidelines are familiar with the recommendations contained in the General Introduction prior to making decisions regarding distinctness.

4.1.4 Number of Plants or Parts of Plants to be Examined

Unless otherwise indicated, for the purposes of distinctness, all observations on single plants should be made on 6 plants or parts of plants taken from each of 6 plants and any other observations made on all plants in the test, disregarding any off-type plants.

In the case of observations of parts taken from single plants, the number of parts to be taken from each of the plants should be 2.

Unless otherwise indicated, all observations on single culms should be made on 6 culms or parts taken from each of 6 culms.

4.1.5 Method of Observation

The recommended method of observing the characteristic for the purposes of distinctness is indicated by the following key in the Table of Characteristics (see document TGP/9 “Examining Distinctness”, Section 4 “Observation of characteristics”):

MG: single measurement of a group of plants or parts of plants

MS: measurement of a number of individual plants or parts of plants

VG: visual assessment by a single observation of a group of plants or parts of plants

VS: visual assessment by observation of individual plants or parts of plants”):

Type of observation: visual (V) or measurement (M)

“Visual” observation (V) is an observation made on the basis of the expert’s judgment. For the purposes of this document, “visual” observation refers to the sensory observations of the experts and, therefore, also includes smell, taste and touch. Visual observation includes observations where the expert uses reference points (e.g. diagrams, example varieties, side-by-side comparison) or non-linear charts (e.g. color charts). Measurement (M) is an objective observation against a calibrated, linear scale e.g. using a ruler, weighing scales, colorimeter, dates, counts, etc.

Type of record: for a group of plants (G) or for single, individual plants (S)

For the purposes of distinctness, observations may be recorded as a single record for a group of plants or parts of plants (G), or may be recorded as records for a number of single, individual plants or parts of plants (S). In most cases, “G” provides a single record per variety and it is not possible or necessary to apply statistical methods in a plant-by-plant analysis for the assessment of distinctness.

In cases where more than one method of observing the characteristic is indicated in the Table of Characteristics (e.g. VG/MG), guidance on selecting an appropriate method is provided in document TGP/9, Section 4.2.

4.1.6 Unless otherwise indicated, all observations on single culms should be made on 6 culms or parts taken from each of 6 culms.

## 4.2  Uniformity

4.2.1 It is of particular importance for users of these Test Guidelines to consult the General Introduction prior to making decisions regarding uniformity. However, the following points are provided for elaboration or emphasis in these Test Guidelines:

4.2.2 These Test Guidelines have been developed for the examination of vegetatively propagated varieties. For varieties with other types of propagation, the recommendations in the General Introduction and document TGP/13 "Guidance for new types and species" Section 4.5 "Testing Uniformity" should be followed.

4.2.3 For the assessment of uniformity of vegetatively propagated varieties a population standard of 1% and an acceptance probability of at least 95% should be applied. In the case of a sample size of 12 plants, 1 off-type is allowed.

## 4.3  Stability

4.3.1 In practice, it is not usual to perform tests of stability that produce results as certain as those of the testing of distinctness and uniformity. However, experience has demonstrated that, for many types of variety, when a variety has been shown to be uniform, it can also be considered to be stable.

4.3.2 Where appropriate, or in cases of doubt, stability may be further examined by testing a new seed or plant stock to ensure that it exhibits the same characteristics as those shown by the initial material supplied.

# Grouping of Varieties and Organization of the Growing Trial

5.1 The selection of varieties of common knowledge to be grown in the trial with the candidate varieties and the way in which these varieties are divided into groups to facilitate the assessment of distinctness are aided by the use of grouping characteristics.

5.2 Grouping characteristics are those in which the documented states of expression, even where produced at different locations, can be used, either individually or in combination with other such characteristics: (a) to select varieties of common knowledge that can be excluded from the growing trial used for examination of distinctness; and (b) to organize the growing trial so that similar varieties are grouped together.

5.3 The following have been agreed as useful grouping characteristics:

(a) Internode: shape in cross section (characteristic 8)

(b) Internode: color where not exposed to sun (characteristic 10)

(c) Node: presence of wing on bud (characteristic 19)

(d) Node: shape of bud (characteristic 20)

5.4 Guidance for the use of grouping characteristics, in the process of examining distinctness, is provided through the General Introduction and document TGP/9 “Examining Distinctness”.

# Introduction to the Table of Characteristics

## 6.1  Categories of Characteristics

6.1.1 Standard Test Guidelines Characteristics

Standard Test Guidelines characteristics are those which are approved by UPOV for examination of DUS and from which members of the Union can select those suitable for their particular circumstances.

6.1.2 Asterisked Characteristics

Asterisked characteristics (denoted by \*) are those included in the Test Guidelines which are important for the international harmonization of variety descriptions and should always be examined for DUS and included in the variety description by all members of the Union, except when the state of expression of a preceding characteristic or regional environmental conditions render this inappropriate.

## 6.2  States of Expression and Corresponding Notes

6.2.1 States of expression are given for each characteristic to define the characteristic and to harmonize descriptions. Each state of expression is allocated a corresponding numerical note for ease of recording of data and for the production and exchange of the description.

6.2.2 All relevant states of expression are presented in the characteristic.

6.2.3 Further explanation of the presentation of states of expression and notes is provided in document TGP/7 “Development of Test Guidelines”.

## 6.3  Types of Expression

An explanation of the types of expression of characteristics (qualitative, quantitative and pseudo-qualitative) is provided in the General Introduction.

## 6.4  Example Varieties

Where appropriate, example varieties are provided to clarify the states of expression of each characteristic.

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## 6.5  Legend

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | English | | français | | deutsch | español | Example Varieties  Exemples  Beispielssorten  Variedades ejemplo | Note/  Nota |
| **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** |  |  |  |
|  |  | **Name of characteristics in English** | | **Nom du caractère en français** | | **Name des Merkmals auf Deutsch** | **Nombre del carácter en español** |  |  |
|  | states of expression | | types d’expression | | Ausprägungsstufen | tipos de expresión |  |  |

1 Characteristic number

2 (\*) Asterisked characteristic – see Chapter 6.1.2

3 Type of expression

QL Qualitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3

QN Quantitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3

PQ Pseudo-qualitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3

4 Method of observation (and type of plot, if applicable)

MG, MS, VG, VS – see Chapter 4.1.5

5 (+) See Explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter 8.2

6 (a)-(x) See Explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter 8.1

7 Growth stage key (if applicable) See Explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter 8.3

# Table of Characteristics/Tableau des caracteres/Merkmalstabelle/Tabla de caracteres

|  | | English | | français | | deutsch | español | Example Varieties  Exemples  Beispielssorten  Variedades ejemplo | Note/  Nota |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **1.** |  | **QN** | **VG** | **(+)** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Plant: growth habit** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| erect | |  | |  |  | Q121, Q186 | 1 |
| semi-erect | |  | |  |  | Q96, RB72-454 | 2 |
| intermediate | |  | |  |  | Q168 | 3 |
| semi-prostate | |  | |  |  | H56-752 | 4 |
| prostate | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| **2.** | **(\*)** | **QN** | **VG** | **(+)** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Plant: adherence of leaf sheath** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| very weak | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| weak | |  | |  |  | H56-752, Q96 | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Q124, Q186 | 3 |
| strong | |  | |  |  | NCo310, Q120, Q201 | 4 |
| very strong | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| **3.** |  | **QN** | **VG** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Plant: number of tillers** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| very few | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| few | |  | |  |  | Q124 | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | RB72-454 | 3 |
| many | |  | |  |  | Q138 | 4 |
| very many | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| **4.** | **(\*)** | **QN** | **MS** | **(+)** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Culm: length** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| very short | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| short | |  | |  |  | Q117 | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Q124, Q138, Q170 | 3 |
| long | |  | |  |  | Q136, RB72-454 | 4 |
| very long | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| **5.** |  | **QN** | **MS/VG** |  | **(a)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Internode: length on bud side** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| very short | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| short | |  | |  |  | Q117 | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Q138, Q170 | 3 |
| long | |  | |  |  | Q124 | 4 |
| very long | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| **6.** | **(\*)** | **QN** | **MS/VG** | **(+)** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Internode: diameter** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| very small | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| small | |  | |  |  | Q136 | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | H56-752, Q124, Q170 | 3 |
| large | |  | |  |  | Q117 | 4 |
| very large | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| **7.** | **(\*)** | **PQ** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(a)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Internode: shape** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| cylindrical | |  | |  |  | Q169, RB72-454 | 1 |
| tumescent | |  | |  |  | Q205 | 2 |
| bobbin-shaped | |  | |  |  | H56-752 | 3 |
| conoidal | |  | |  |  | Q177, Q178 | 4 |
| obconoidal | |  | |  |  | H60-3802 | 5 |
| concave-convex | |  | |  |  | Q115 | 6 |
| **8.** | **(\*)** | **QN** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(a)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Internode: shape in cross section** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| circular | |  | |  |  | Q121, RB72-454 | 1 |
| circular to ovate | |  | |  |  |  | 2 |
| ovate | |  | |  |  | Q152, Q186, Q96 | 3 |
| **9.** | **(\*)** | **PQ** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(a)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Internode: color where exposed to sun** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| white | |  | |  |  | Q230 | 1 |
| green | |  | |  |  | SRA24, SRA25 | 2 |
| yellow green | |  | |  |  | SRA10 | 3 |
| yellow | |  | |  |  | Q165 | 4 |
| orange | |  | |  |  | AKOKI | 5 |
| red | |  | |  |  | Hawaii Original | 6 |
| purple medium | |  | |  |  | RB72-454 | 7 |
| purple dark | |  | |  |  | Badila | 8 |
| brown | |  | |  |  |  | 9 |
| greyed brown | |  | |  |  |  | 10 |
| **10.** | **(\*)** | **PQ** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(a)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Internode: color where not exposed to sun** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| white | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| yellow green | |  | |  |  | QS01-1078 | 3 |
| green | |  | |  |  | SRA24, SRA25, Sweet Florida Green | 4 |
| orange | |  | |  |  | Q220 | 5 |
| red | |  | |  |  |  | 6 |
| purple medium | |  | |  |  |  | 7 |
| purple dark | |  | |  |  | SRA9 | 8 |
| brown | |  | |  |  |  | 9 |
| greyed brown | |  | |  |  |  | 10 |
| **11.** |  | **QN** | **MS/VG** | **(+)** | **(a)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Internode: number of growth cracks** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| absent or very few | |  | |  |  | H56-752, RB72-454 | 1 |
| few | |  | |  |  | Q124 | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Q121 | 3 |
| many | |  | |  |  | Q179 | 4 |
| very many | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| **12.** |  | **QN** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(a)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Internode: depth of growth cracks** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| very shallow | |  | |  |  | RB72-454 | 1 |
| shallow | |  | |  |  | Q124 | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Q121 | 3 |
| deep | |  | |  |  | Q179 | 4 |
| very deep | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| **13.** | **(\*)** | **QN** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(a)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Internode: degree of zigzag** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| absent or weak | |  | |  |  | Q124 | 1 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Q135, Q152 | 2 |
| strong | |  | |  |  | Q117 | 3 |
| **14.** |  | **QN** | **VG** |  | **(a)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Internode: waxiness** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| absent or very weak | |  | |  |  | Q179 | 1 |
| weak | |  | |  |  | Q138 | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Q121, RB72-454 | 3 |
| strong | |  | |  |  | H56-752, Q117 | 4 |
| very strong | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| **15.** |  | **QN** | **VG** |  | **(a)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Node: depth of bud groove** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| absent or very shallow | |  | |  |  | Q117, Q121, Q186 | 1 |
| shallow | |  | |  |  | Q138, Q170, RB72-454 | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Q179 | 3 |
| deep | |  | |  |  | Q174 | 4 |
| very deep | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| **16.** |  | **QN** | **MS/VG** |  | **(a)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Node: width of root band** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| very narrow | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| narrow | |  | |  |  | SRA6 | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  |  | 3 |
| broad | |  | |  |  | Q202 | 4 |
| very broad | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| **17.** |  | **PQ** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(a)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Node: shape of root band** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| constricted | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| conoidal | |  | |  |  |  | 2 |
| obconoidal | |  | |  |  |  | 3 |
| **18.** |  | **QN** | **MS/VG** |  | **(a)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Node: width of wax ring** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| absent or very narrow | |  | |  |  | Q179 | 1 |
| narrow | |  | |  |  | Q180 | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Q113, Q96, RB72-454 | 3 |
| broad | |  | |  |  | Q115, Q138 | 4 |
| very broad | |  | |  |  | Q195 | 5 |
| **19.** | **(\*)** | **QL** | **VG** |  | **(a)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Node: presence of wing on bud** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| absent | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| present | |  | |  |  |  | 9 |
| **20.** | **(\*)** | **PQ** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(a)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Node: shape of bud** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| triangular-pointed | |  | |  |  | RB72-454 | 1 |
| elliptic | |  | |  |  | Q138 | 2 |
| obovate | |  | |  |  | Q202 | 3 |
| pentagonal | |  | |  |  | Q182 | 4 |
| rhomboid | |  | |  |  | Q217 | 5 |
| round | |  | |  |  | Q124, Q179 | 6 |
| ovate | |  | |  |  | Q115, Q170, Q186 | 7 |
| rectangular | |  | |  |  | Q215 | 8 |
| **21.** |  | **QN** | **MS/VG** | **(+)** | **(a)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Node: length of bud** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| very short | |  | |  |  | Q178 | 1 |
| short | |  | |  |  |  | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Q186 | 3 |
| long | |  | |  |  |  | 4 |
| very long | |  | |  |  | Q138 | 5 |
| **22.** |  | **QN** | **MS/VG** | **(+)** | **(a)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Node: width of bud** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| very narrow | |  | |  |  | Q186 | 1 |
| narrow | |  | |  |  | Q138 | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Q178 | 3 |
| broad | |  | |  |  |  | 4 |
| very broad | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| **23.** | **(\*)** | **QN** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(a)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Node: bud prominence** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| very weak | |  | |  |  | Q152 | 1 |
| weak | |  | |  |  | RB72-454 | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | H56-752, Q121 | 3 |
| strong | |  | |  |  | Q136 | 4 |
| very strong | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| **24.** |  | **QN** | **VG** |  | **(a)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Node: position of bud tip in relation to growth ring** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| clearly below | |  | |  |  | Q171, SRAW18 | 1 |
| same level | |  | |  |  | Q179, RB72-454 | 2 |
| clearly above | |  | |  |  | Q172, SRA9 | 3 |
| **25.** |  | **QN** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(a)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Node: bud cushion** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| absent or very narrow | |  | |  |  | Q121, Q186 | 1 |
| narrow | |  | |  |  | Q96 | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Q181, RB72-454 | 3 |
| broad | |  | |  |  | Q170 | 4 |
| very broad | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| **26.** |  | **QN** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(a)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Node: width of bud wing** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| very narrow | |  | |  |  | RB72-454 | 1 |
| narrow | |  | |  |  |  | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Q121 | 3 |
| broad | |  | |  |  |  | 4 |
| very broad | |  | |  |  | BN81-1394 | 5 |
| **27.** |  | **PQ** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(a)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Node: main color of root band where not exposed to sun** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| white | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| green | |  | |  |  |  | 2 |
| yellow green | |  | |  |  |  | 3 |
| yellow | |  | |  |  |  | 4 |
| orange | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| red | |  | |  |  |  | 6 |
| purple medium | |  | |  |  |  | 7 |
| purple dark | |  | |  |  |  | 8 |
| brown | |  | |  |  |  | 9 |
| greyed brown | |  | |  |  |  | 10 |
| **28.** |  | **PQ** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(a)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Node: color of growth ring where not exposed to sun** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| white | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| green | |  | |  |  |  | 2 |
| yellow green | |  | |  |  |  | 3 |
| yellow | |  | |  |  |  | 4 |
| orange | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| red | |  | |  |  |  | 6 |
| purple medium | |  | |  |  |  | 7 |
| purple dark | |  | |  |  |  | 8 |
| brown | |  | |  |  |  | 9 |
| greyed brown | |  | |  |  |  | 10 |
| **29.** |  | **QN** | **MS/VG** | **(+)** | **(b)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Leaf sheath: length** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| very short | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| short | |  | |  |  | Q117 | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Q136, Q170 | 3 |
| long | |  | |  |  | Q121, Q124 | 4 |
| very long | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| **30.** |  | **QN** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(b)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Leaf sheath: density of hairs** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| absent or very sparse | |  | |  |  | Q186, RB72-454 | 1 |
| sparse | |  | |  |  | Q170 | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Q117, Q179 | 3 |
| dense | |  | |  |  | Q124 | 4 |
| very dense | |  | |  |  | Q169 | 5 |
| **31.** |  | **QN** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(b)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Leaf sheath: length of hairs** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| very short | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| short | |  | |  |  | Q186 | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Q117, Q138, Q179 | 3 |
| long | |  | |  |  | Q121 | 4 |
| very long | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| **32.** |  | **PQ** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(b)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Leaf sheath: distribution of hairs** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| only lateral | |  | |  |  | Q138, Q170 | 1 |
| lateral and dorsal | |  | |  |  | SRA5 | 2 |
| only dorsal | |  | |  |  | SRA19 | 3 |
| **33.** |  | **QN** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(b)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Leaf sheath: length of ligule hairs** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| very short | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| short | |  | |  |  | Q152, Q170, Q96 | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Q179, RB72-454 | 3 |
| long | |  | |  |  | BN81-1394, Q124 | 4 |
| very long | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| **34.** |  | **PQ** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(b)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Leaf sheath: shape of ligule** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| strap-shaped | |  | |  |  | Argos | 1 |
| deltoid | |  | |  |  | H56-752, Q170 | 2 |
| crescent-shaped | |  | |  |  | Q121, Q179, Q96 | 3 |
| bow-shaped | |  | |  |  |  | 4 |
| asymmetrical, steeply sloping | |  | |  |  | Vertix 1 Vertix 7 | 5 |
| asymmetrical, horizontal | |  | |  |  | IACSP942094, RB72-454 | 6 |
| **35.** |  | **QN** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(b)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Leaf sheath: density of ligule hairs** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| absent or very sparse | |  | |  |  | SRA6 | 1 |
| sparse | |  | |  |  | SRA25 | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Q152 | 3 |
| dense | |  | |  |  | Q121, RB72-454 | 4 |
| very dense | |  | |  |  | Q179 | 5 |
| **36.** |  | **QN** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(b)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Leaf sheath: width of ligule** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| narrow | |  | |  |  | SRAW17 | 1 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Q115, Q179, Q186 | 2 |
| broad | |  | |  |  | H56-752, Q170 | 3 |
| **37.** |  | **QL** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(b)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Leaf sheath: underlapping auricle** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| absent | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| present | |  | |  |  | Q186 | 9 |
| **38.** | **(\*)** | **PQ** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(b)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Only varieties with Leaf sheath: underlapping auricle present: shape of underlapping auricle** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| deltoid | |  | |  |  | Q186 | 1 |
| dentoid | |  | |  |  | SRA1, SRA2 | 2 |
| unciform | |  | |  |  |  | 3 |
| calcarifom | |  | |  |  | Q196 | 4 |
| lanceolate | |  | |  |  | H56-752, RB72-454 | 5 |
| falcate | |  | |  |  | SRA16 | 6 |
| **39.** |  | **QN** | **VG** |  | **(b)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Only varieties with leaf sheath: underlapping auricle: present: size of size of underlapping auricle** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| very small | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| small | |  | |  |  | Q96 | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Q201 | 3 |
| large | |  | |  |  | Q135 | 4 |
| very large | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| **40.** |  | **QL** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(b)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Leaf sheath: overlapping auricle** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| absent | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| present | |  | |  |  | SRA24 | 9 |
| **41.** | **(\*)** | **PQ** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(b)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Only varieties with Leaf sheath: overlapping auricles: shape of overlapping auricle** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| deltoid | |  | |  |  | Q117, RB72-454 | 1 |
| dentoid | |  | |  |  |  | 2 |
| unciform | |  | |  |  |  | 3 |
| calcariform | |  | |  |  |  | 4 |
| lanceolate | |  | |  |  | Q138 | 5 |
| falcate | |  | |  |  |  | 6 |
| **42.** |  | **QN** | **VG** |  | **(b)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Leaf sheath: size of overlapping auricle** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| very small | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| small | |  | |  |  | SRA20, SRA25 | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Q251, SRA11 | 3 |
| large | |  | |  |  | Q198, Q215 | 4 |
| very large | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| **43.** |  | **QN** | **MS** |  | **(b)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Leaf blade: length** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| very short | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| short | |  | |  |  | Q124 | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Q136 | 3 |
| long | |  | |  |  | Q170 | 4 |
| very long | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| **44.** | **(\*)** | **QN** | **MS** | **(+)** | **(b)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Leaf blade: width** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| very narrow | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| narrow | |  | |  |  | Q113, Q186 | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Q121, Q124 | 3 |
| broad | |  | |  |  | Q138, Q179 | 4 |
| very broad | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| **45.** |  | **QN** | **MS** | **(+)** | **(b)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Leaf: blade: midrib width** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| very narrow | |  | |  |  | Q203 | 1 |
| narrow | |  | |  |  | Q121 | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | Q124, Q170 | 3 |
| wide | |  | |  |  | Q202, SRA5 | 4 |
| very wide | |  | |  |  | Q138 | 5 |
| **46.** |  | **QN** | **MS** |  | **(b)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Leaf:blade ratio leaf blade width/midrib width** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| very low | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| low | |  | |  |  | SRA5, SRA6 | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  | H56-752, Q124 | 3 |
| high | |  | |  |  | Q215, SRA11 | 4 |
| very high | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| **47.** |  | **QL** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(c)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Cane top: shape in cross-section** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| circular | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| ovate | |  | |  |  |  | 9 |
| **48.** |  | **QN** | **MS/VG** |  | **(c)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Cane top: length** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| very short | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| short | |  | |  |  |  | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  |  | 3 |
| long | |  | |  |  |  | 4 |
| very long | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |
| **49.** |  | **QN** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(c)** |  |  |  |  |
|  | | **Cane top: waxiness** | |  | |  |  |  |  |
| absent or very weak | |  | |  |  |  | 1 |
| weak | |  | |  |  |  | 2 |
| medium | |  | |  |  |  | 3 |
| strong | |  | |  |  |  | 4 |
| very strong | |  | |  |  |  | 5 |

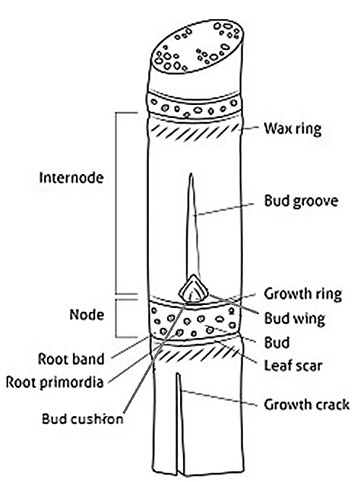
# Explanations on the Table of Characteristics

## 8.1  Explanations covering several characteristics

Unless otherwise indicated, observations should be made at time of maturity on the middle third of plants aged between 10 to 12 months, in the first vegetative cycle of the crop (from planting to the first harvest).

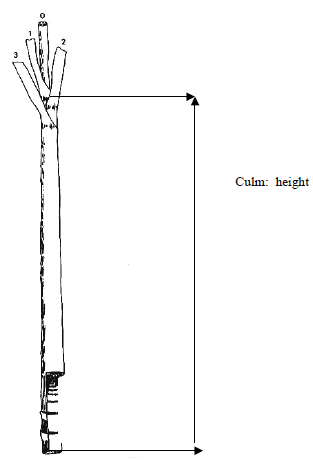
Characteristics containing the following key in the Table of Characteristics should be examined as indicated below:

(a) Observations on the node and internode should be made on the longest internode in the middle third of the primary or representative culm. Observation or measurements should be made in the opposite side to the bud,



(b) Observations on the leaf blade and leaf sheath should be made on the leaf + 3. See 8.1, (a)

(c) The cane top is the region between the youngest exposed visible dewlap and the insertion of the fourth youngest fully extended leave (leaf + 4) in the culm.

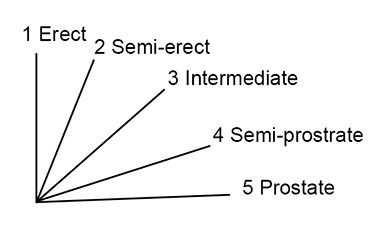


(d) The main color is the color with the largest surface area. In cases where the areas of the main and secondary color are too similar to reliably decide which color has the largest surface area, the darker color is considered to be the main color. Observations should be made removing the wax.

(e) The dewlaps are two symmetrical patches at the junction of the leaf blade and the leaf sheath that are different in color and structure from the rest of the leaf.

## 8.2  Explanations for individual characteristics

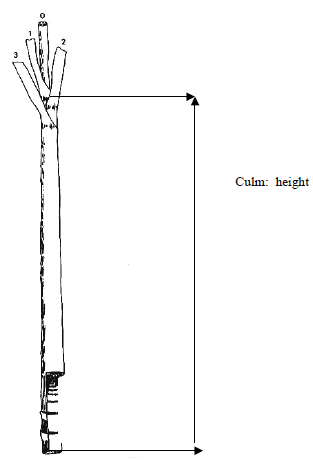
Ad. 1: Plant: growth habit



Ad. 2: Plant: adherence of leaf sheath

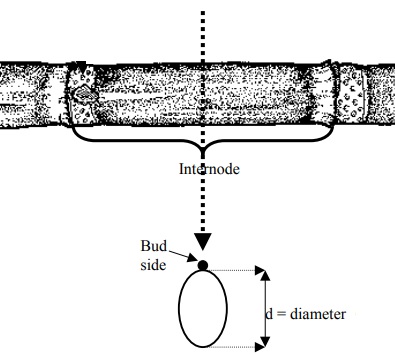
Observations should be made on the lower half of the stool on the senescing leaves.

Ad. 4: Culm: length



'Measurements should be made from the base of the culm at soil level to the base of the Top Visible Dewlap (TVD) leaf. The TVD is the leaf with the highest insertion, fully opened and with the first auricle visible, leaf + 1.'

Ad. 6: Internode: diameter   
  
Observations should be made at central part of the internode on the axis going through the bud.



Ad. 7: Internode: shape

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| cylindrical | tumescent | bobbin-shaped |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |
| 4 | 5 | 6 |
| conoidal | obconoidal | concave-convex |

Ad. 8: Internode: shape in cross section

Observations should be made in the central part of the internode.

Ad. 9: Internode: color where exposed to sun

Observations should be made after three days of exposure to the sun on a culm on which the wax has been removed. The color covering the largest area should be observed.

Ad. 10: Internode: color where not exposed to sun

Observations should be made on the color covering the largest area and on a culm protected from the sun, from which the wax has been removed.

Ad. 11: Internode: number of growth cracks

Observations should be made across the entire length of the culm.

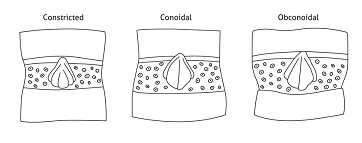
Ad. 12: Internode: depth of growth cracks

Observations should be made along the whole length of the culm.

Ad. 13: Internode: degree of zigzag

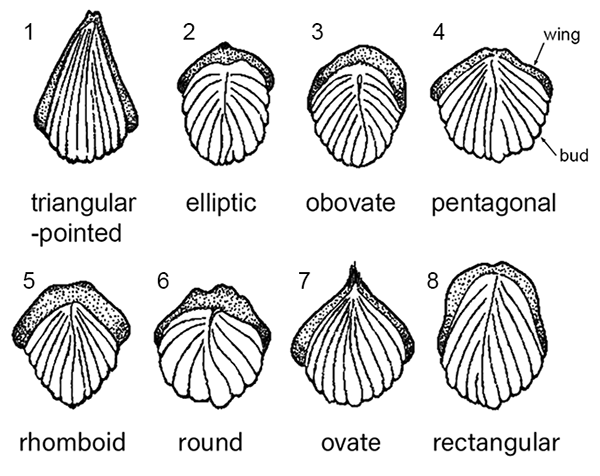
|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| absent or weak | medium | strong |

Ad. 17: Node: shape of root band



Ad. 20: Node: shape of bud

The bud wings are considered as part of the shape of the bud.



Ad. 21: Node: length of bud

Observations should be made in the longest part of the bud.

Ad. 22: Node: width of bud

Observations should be made in the broadest part of the bud.

Ad. 23: Node: bud prominence

Observations should be made below the node to which the second senescent leaf from the top was attached.

Ad. 25: Node: bud cushion

To be observed as the space between base of bud and leaf scar.

Ad. 26: Node: width of bud wing

Observations should be made at the broadest part of the wing.

Ad. 27: Node: main color of root band where not exposed to sun

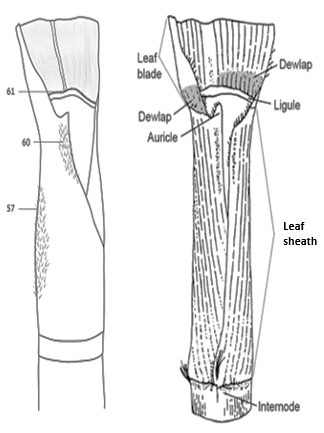
The color covering the largest area should be observed.

Ad. 28: Node: color of growth ring where not exposed to sun

The color covering the largest area should be observed.

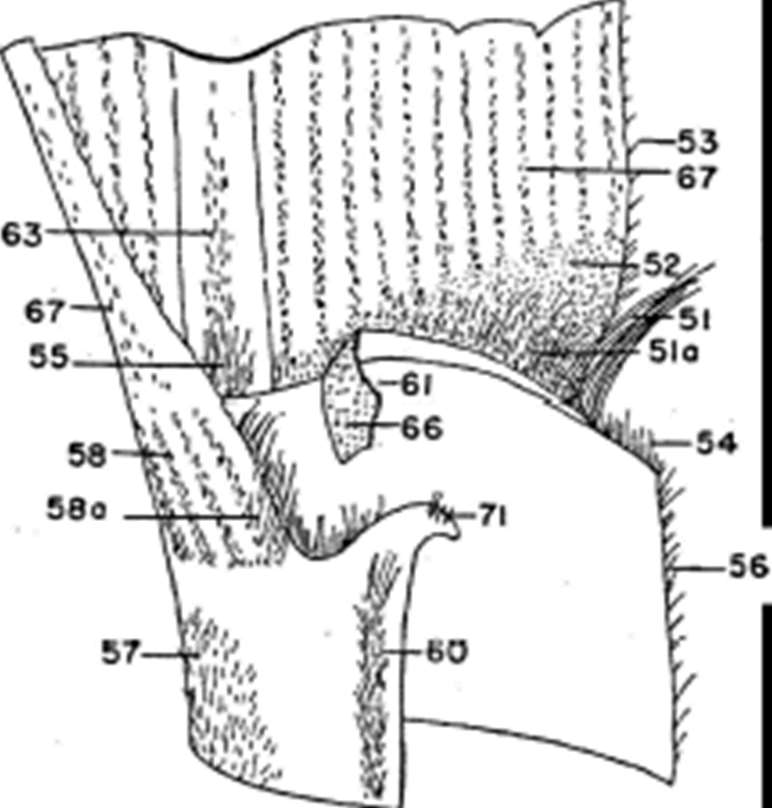
Ad. 29: Leaf sheath: length

Measurements should be made from the leaf sheath base (point of attachment to the culm) to the dewlap (the junction between the leaf blade and the leaf sheath).



Ad. 30: Leaf sheath: density of hairs

Observations should be made on hair groups 57 and 60.



Ad. 31: Leaf sheath: length of hairs

See Ad. 30

Ad. 32: Leaf sheath: distribution of hairs

See Ad. 29 by See Ad. 30  
  
  
Ad. 33: Leaf sheath: length of ligule hairs

Observations should be made on hair group 61. See Ad. 30.

Ad. 34: Leaf sheath: shape of ligule

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| strap-shaped | deltoid | crescent-shaped |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |
| 4 | 5 | 6 |
| bow-shaped | asymmetrical, steeply sloping | asymmetrical, horizontal |

Ad. 35: Leaf sheath: density of ligule hairs

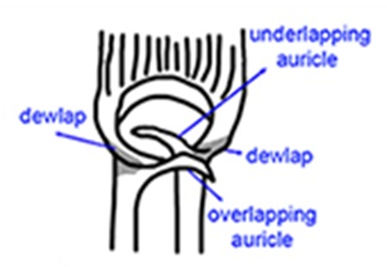
Observations should be made on hair group 61. See Ad. 30.

Ad. 36: Leaf sheath: width of ligule

Ligule width is the distance from the point of attachment at the junction of the leaf blade and  
the leaf sheath and the upper margin of the ligule at the widest point (middle of ligule).  
Observations should be made at the broadest part of the ligule, vertically.  
  
narrow: < 3 mm  
medium: 3 – 5 mm  
broad: > 5 mm

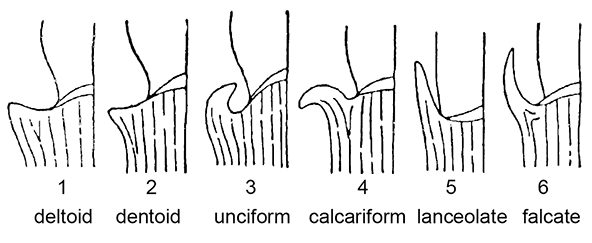
Ad. 37: Leaf sheath: underlapping auricle

See Ad. 4 and Ad. 38. If auricles are not in one of the described shapes, of Ad. 38, they are to be considered absent.



Ad. 38: Only varieties with Leaf sheath: underlapping auricle present: shape of underlapping auricle

See Ad. 37



Ad. 40: Leaf sheath: overlapping auricle

See Ad.37 and Ad. 38.

Ad. 41: Only varieties with Leaf sheath: overlappinf auricles: shape of overlapping auricle  
  
See Ad. 4 and Ad. 38. Only when overlapping auricles are present (Ad. 40).

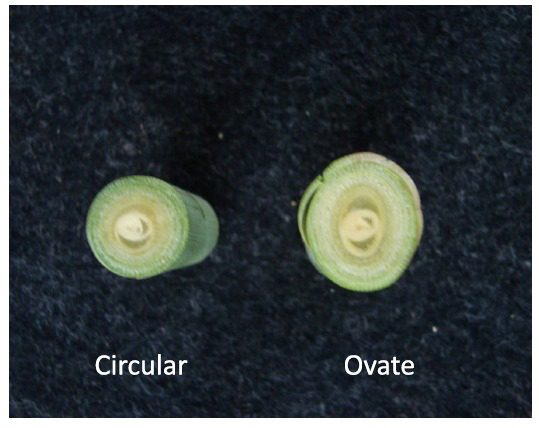
Ad. 44: Leaf blade: width

Observations should be made at the longitudinal mid-point.

Ad. 45: Leaf: blade:  midrib width

Observations should be made at the longitudinal mid-point.

Ad. 47: Cane top: shape in cross-section



Ad. 49: Cane top: waxiness

The waxiness needs to be observed on the leaf sheaths in the cane top.

## 8.3  Additional Explanations on the Table of Characteristics

Unless otherwise indicated, observations should be made at time of maturity on plants aged between 10 to 12 months, characteristics containing the following key in the Table of Characteristics should be examined as indicated below:

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| 1. Subject of the Technical Questionnaire | | | |
| 1.1.1 Botanical name | *Saccharum* L. | |  |
|  |  | |  |
| 1.1.2 Common name | Sugarcane | |  |
| 2. Applicant | | | |
| Name |  | |  |
|  |  | |  |
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| #4. Information on the breeding scheme and propagation of the variety  4.1 Breeding scheme  Variety resulting from:  4.1.1 Crossing  (a) controlled cross [ ]  (please state parent variety)  (…………………..……………..…) x (……………..…………………..…)  female parent male parent  (b) partially known cross [ ]  (please state parent variety(ies))  (…………………..……………..…) x (……………..…………………..…)  female parent male parent  (c) unknown cross [ ] |
| 4.1.2 Mutation  (please state parent variety) |
| 4.1.3 Discovery and development  (please state where and when discovered and how developed) |
| 4.1.4 Other  (Please provide details) |

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| 4.2 Method of propagating the variety  4.2.1 Seed-propagated varieties  (a) Other (please provide details) [ ]  4.2.2 Vegetative propagation  (a) Cuttings [ ]  (b) Other (state method) [ ]  4.2.3 Other  (Please provide details) [ ] |
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| 5. Characteristics of the variety to be indicated (the number in brackets refers to the corresponding characteristic in Test Guidelines; please mark the note which best corresponds). | | | | | |
|  | Characteristics | | Example Varieties | | Note |
| **5.1**  **(2)** | **Plant: adherence of leaf sheath** | |  | |  |
|  | very weak | |  | | 1 [ ] |
|  | weak | | H56-752, Q96 | | 2 [ ] |
|  | medium | | Q124, Q186 | | 3 [ ] |
|  | strong | | NCo310, Q120, Q201 | | 4 [ ] |
|  | very strong | |  | | 5 [ ] |
| **5.2**  **(7)** | **Internode: shape** | |  | |  |
|  | cylindrical | | Q169, RB72-454 | | 1 [ ] |
|  | tumescent | | Q205 | | 2 [ ] |
|  | bobbin-shaped | | H56-752 | | 3 [ ] |
|  | conoidal | | Q177, Q178 | | 4 [ ] |
|  | obconoidal | | H60-3802 | | 5 [ ] |
|  | concave-convex | | Q115 | | 6 [ ] |
| **5.3**  **(8)** | **Internode: shape in cross section** | |  | |  |
|  | circular | | Q121, RB72-454 | | 1 [ ] |
|  | circular to ovate | |  | | 2 [ ] |
|  | ovate | | Q152, Q186, Q96 | | 3 [ ] |
| **5.4**  **(9)** | **Internode: color where exposed to sun** | |  | |  |
|  | white | | Q230 | | 1 [ ] |
|  | green | | SRA24, SRA25 | | 2 [ ] |
|  | yellow green | | SRA10 | | 3 [ ] |
|  | yellow | | Q165 | | 4 [ ] |
|  | orange | | AKOKI | | 5 [ ] |
|  | red | | Hawaii Original | | 6 [ ] |
|  | purple medium | | RB72-454 | | 7 [ ] |
|  | purple dark | | Badila | | 8 [ ] |
|  | brown | |  | | 9 [ ] |
|  | greyed brown | |  | | 10 [ ] |
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| **5.5**  **(10)** | **Internode: color where not exposed to sun** | |  | |  |
|  | white | |  | | 1 [ ] |
|  | green | | SRA24, SRA25 | | 2 [ ] |
|  | yellow green | | QS01-1078 | | 3 [ ] |
|  | green | | Sweet Florida Green | | 4 [ ] |
|  | orange | | Q220 | | 5 [ ] |
|  | red | |  | | 6 [ ] |
|  | purple medium | |  | | 7 [ ] |
|  | purple dark | | SRA9 | | 8 [ ] |
|  | brown | |  | | 9 [ ] |
|  | greyed brown | |  | | 10 [ ] |
| **5.6**  **(13)** | **Internode: degree of zigzag** | |  | |  |
|  | absent or weak | | Q124 | | 1 [ ] |
|  | medium | | Q135, Q152 | | 2 [ ] |
|  | strong | | Q117 | | 3 [ ] |
| **5.7**  **(20)** | **Node: shape of bud** | |  | |  |
|  | triangular-pointed | | RB72-454 | | 1 [ ] |
|  | elliptic | | Q138 | | 2 [ ] |
|  | obovate | | Q202 | | 3 [ ] |
|  | pentagonal | | Q182 | | 4 [ ] |
|  | rhomboid | | Q217 | | 5 [ ] |
|  | round | | Q124, Q179 | | 6 [ ] |
|  | ovate | | Q115, Q170, Q186 | | 7 [ ] |
|  | rectangular | | Q215 | | 8 [ ] |
| **5.8**  **(44)** | **Leaf blade: width** | |  | |  |
|  | very narrow | |  | | 1 [ ] |
|  | narrow | | Q113, Q186 | | 2 [ ] |
|  | medium | | Q121, Q124 | | 3 [ ] |
|  | broad | | Q138, Q179 | | 4 [ ] |
|  | very broad | |  | | 5 [ ] |
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| 6. Similar varieties and differences from these varieties  *Please use the following table and box for comments to provide information on how your candidate variety differs from the variety (or varieties) which, to the best of your knowledge, is (or are) most similar. This information may help the examination authority to conduct its examination of distinctness in a more efficient way.* | | | | | | |
| Denomination(s) of variety(ies) similar to your candidate variety | Characteristic(s) in which your candidate variety differs from the similar variety(ies) | | Describe the expression of the characteristic(s) for the **similar** variety(ies) | | Describe the expression of the characteristic(s) for **your** candidate variety |
| *Example* | *Node: shape of bud* | | *round* | | *oval* |
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| #7. Additional information which may help in the examination of the variety  7.1 In addition to the information provided in sections 5 and 6, are there any additional characteristics which may help to distinguish the variety?  Yes [ ] No [ ]  (If yes, please provide details)  7.2 Are there any special conditions for growing the variety or conducting the examination?  Yes [ ] No [ ]  (If yes, please provide details)  7.3 Other information | | | |

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| 8. Authorization for release  (a) Does the variety require prior authorization for release under legislation concerning the protection of the environment, human and animal health?  Yes [ ] No [ ]  (b) Has such authorization been obtained?  Yes [ ] No [ ]  If the answer to (b) is yes, please attach a copy of the authorization. | | | |
| 9. Information on plant material to be examined or submitted for examination  9.1 The expression of a characteristic or several characteristics of a variety may be affected by factors, such as pests and disease, chemical treatment (e.g. growth retardants or pesticides), effects of tissue culture, different rootstocks, scions taken from different growth phases of a tree, etc.  9.2 The plant material should not have undergone any treatment which would affect the expression of the characteristics of the variety, unless the competent authorities allow or request such treatment. If the plant material has undergone such treatment, full details of the treatment must be given. In this respect, please indicate below, to the best of your knowledge, if the plant material to be examined has been subjected to:  (a) Microorganisms (e.g. virus, bacteria, phytoplasma) Yes [ ] No [ ]  (b) Chemical treatment (e.g. growth retardant, pesticide) Yes [ ] No [ ]  (c) Tissue culture Yes [ ] No [ ]  (d) Other factors Yes [ ] No [ ]  Please provide details for where you have indicated “yes”.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  9.3 Has the plant material to be examined been tested for the presence of virus or other pathogens?  Yes [ ]  (please provide details as specified by the Authority)  No [ ] | | | |
| 10. I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this form is correct: | | | |
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