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**COVERAGE OF ORNAMENTAL VARIETIES IN TEST GUIDELINES  
(REVISION OF DOCUMENT TGP/7)**

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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”.

3. At its thirty-ninth session, held in Osijek, Croatia, from May 24 to 28, 2010, the Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA) considered document TWA/39/11 (see document TWA/39/27 “Report”, paragraphs 38 and 39).

4. The TWA agreed that the proposed Additional Standard Wording (ASW) in document TWA/39/11, paragraph 1 might be extended to cover other situations by amending it to read as follows:

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

5. In making the proposal for ASW, the TWA agreed that such wording should not lead to any particular conclusions as to whether other types of varieties should or should not be covered by the development of separate Test Guidelines, since that would need to be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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