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REVISION OF DOCUMENT tgp/7: indication of growth stage in test guidElines

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 The purpose of this document is to consider guidance on indicating the growth stage at which to observe characteristics in the Test Guidelines for a future revision of document TGP/7: “Development of Test Guidelines”.

 The following abbreviations are used in this document:

 TC: Technical Committee

 TC-EDC: Enlarged Editorial Committee

 TWA: Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops

 TWC: Technical Working Party on Automation and Computer Programs

 TWF: Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops

 TWO: Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees

 TWPs: Technical Working Parties

 TWV: Technical Working Party for Vegetables

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# BAcKGROUND

 The Technical Committee (TC), at its forty-ninth session held in Geneva from March 18 to 20, 2013, agreed that clarification should be provided in a future revision of document TGP/7 with regard to the inclusion of growth stage keys in Chapter 8 of the Test Guidelines and requested the Office of the Union to prepare draft guidance for consideration by the TWPs at their sessions in 2013 (see document TC/49/41 “Report on the Conclusions”, paragraph 83).

# Existing GUIDANCE IN DOCUMENT TGP/7

## TG Template

 The TG Template and associated Guidance Note (GN24) provide the following guidance for indicating the growth stage for the observation of characteristics in the Test Guidelines:







## GN 23

 Guidance Note GN 23 for drafters of Test Guidelines: “Explanations covering several characteristics”, also states as follows:



## Chapter 3.3 and GN 9

 The TG Template and Guidance Note (GN 9) provide further guidance as follows:





 The Annex to this document provides examples of growth stage reference in existing Test Guidelines as follows:

* TG/7/10: Pea
* TG/4/8: Ryegrass
* TG/276/1: Hemp
* TG/PINEAP(proj.12): Pineapple

# PROPOSALS FOR INDICATING growth stage at which to observe characteristics in the Test Guidelines

 The guidance in document TGP/7 indicating the growth stage at which to observe characteristics in the Test Guidelines clarifies that such indication should be provided in the relevant cell of the Table of Characteristics (see paragraph 5) and accompanied by an explanation of the growth stage key in a separate subchapter of Chapter 8 of the Test Guidelines.

 The TWC is invited to consider whether there is a need to amend the existing guidance in document TGP/7 with regard to the indication of growth stage at which to observe characteristics in the Test Guidelines.

[Annex follows]

EXAMPLES OF INDICATIONS OF GROWTH STAGE AT WHICH TO OBSERVE CHARACTERISTICS IN EXISTING TEST GUIDELINES

EXTRACT FROM TG/7/10: PEA







 EXTRACT FROM TG/4/8: RYEGRASS







EXTRACT FROM TG/276/1: HEMP





EXTRACT FROM TG/PINEAP(proj.12): PINEAPPLE





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