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MATTERS TO BE RESOLVED CONCERNING TEST GUIDELINES
ADOPTED BY THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AT ITS FORTY-FOURTH SESSION

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1. Document TGP/7/1 “Development of Test Guidelines”, Section 2.2.8.3, explains that “Where the Technical Committee adopts the Test Guidelines subject to further information being provided by the leading expert with the agreement of all interested experts and the Chairman of the [Technical Working Party (TWP)] concerned (see 2.2.7.3(b)), the necessary information, agreed with all interested experts, should be provided to the Office of the Union within three months of the Technical Committee meeting, or before the subsequent session of the TWP concerned, whichever is the sooner. In those cases where the necessary information is not provided within this time, the Test Guidelines concerned will not be adopted and will be re-presented at the TWP concerned (Step 4).”.
2. In the case of the following Test Guidelines, which were adopted by the Technical Committee (TC) at its forty-fourth session, held in Geneva from April 7 to 9, 2008, certain information needs to be agreed by all interested experts. In accordance with the timing set out in document TGP/7/1 (see above), those matters are presented for consideration by the Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops (TWF) at the thirty-ninth session, to be held in Lisbon, Portugal, from June 2 to 6, 2008.

Test Guidelines for Coffee

3. With regard to the adoption of the Test Guidelines for Coffee (document TG/COFFEE(proj.7)) (http://www.upov.int/export/sites/upov/restrict/en/tc/44/tg_coffee_proj_7.pdf), the TC agreed that the adoption was subject to any further asterisked characteristics being agreed by the Technical Working Party for Agricultural Crops (TWA) and TWF, either by correspondence or at their respective sessions.

4. In addition, the TC made the adoption of the Test Guidelines for Coffee subject to the following:

Table of Characteristics	to check whether further characteristics could be indicated with (*), subject to agreement by the TWA and TWF: <i>Leading Expert: to add (*) for the following characteristics</i> <i>Char. 1: Plant: shape</i> <i>Char. 2: Plant: height</i> <i>Char. 4: Plagiotropic primary branch: length of internode</i> <i>Char. 8: Leaf: shape (Office note: example variety needed for state 1)</i> <i>Char. 13: Inflorescence: number of flowers</i> <i>Char. 15: Fruit: shape (Office note: example variety needed for state 1)</i> <i>Char. 16: Fruit: color</i> <i>Char. 19: Seed: length</i>
Char. 1	to add (*) (TQ characteristic)
Char. 1	state 2 to read “ellipsoid”
Char. 9	to check whether note (b) should be deleted
Char. 14	to check spelling of “Bourbon”/ “Borbon” and whether should be “Catuai Amarelo” (upper case “A”) <i>Leading Expert: to read “Bourbon” and “Catuai Amarelo”</i>
Chars. 19, 22	to check whether to be observed on non-floating fruits: if so, to be explained in a note for Chars. 18 to 23 <i>Leading Expert:</i> <i>Char. 18 and Chars. 19 to 22 to be observed on non-floating fruits only (note to be added)</i>
Char. 23	to move explanation in brackets to Ad. 23
Chars. 25, 26, 27	to change to notes 1, 2, 3, or to amend the scales in Ad. 25, 26, 27 <i>Leading Expert: to change to notes 1, 2, 3</i>
Ad. 3	to change “measurement” to “observation”
Ad. 4	to provide an illustration of plagiotropic branches <i>Leading Expert: see below</i>
Ad. 12	to provide an explanation of “domatia” <i>Leading Expert: explanation to read “Leaf domatia are small structures found on the lower surface of the leaves, usually consisting of small depressions, partly enclosed by leaf tissue or hairs, located in the axils of the veins of Coffea arabica L. , C. canephora and other plants of Rubiaceae family.”</i>

Ad. 13	To read “The number of flowers per axil ...” and to explain the stage at which the characteristic should be observed <i>Leading Expert: to be observed on flower bud, before anthesis</i>
Ad. 24	to provide explanation for time of flowering <i>Leading Expert: the time of flowering is when the largest flush of flowers is at anthesis</i>

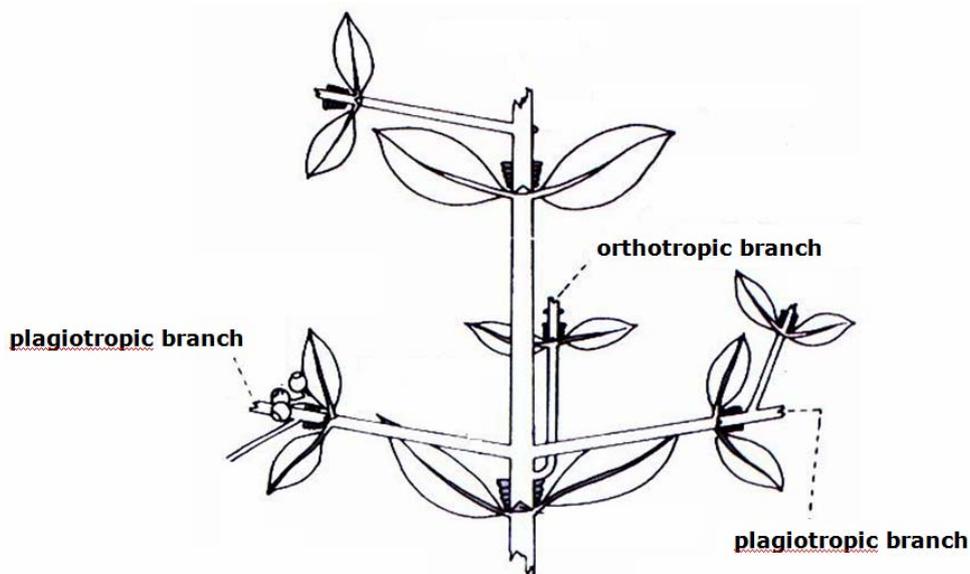
Ad. 4 to read as follows:

Ad. 4: Plagiotropic primary branch: length of internode

The length of the internodes should be observed in the middle third of the branch.

Plagiotropic: mode of growth of lateral branches, growing horizontally away from the leading shoot and maintaining a different morphology

Orthotropic: mode of growth of vertical branches or leading shoots, where lateral (plagiotropic) branches may have different morphology



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