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PROPOSAL FOR A
PARTIAL REVISION OF THE TEST GUIDELINES FOR APRICOT

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1. The Test Guidelines for Apricot (document TG/70/4) were revised in 2005. However, since 2005, there have been plant breeders' rights' applications for new types of apricot varieties which are not adequately covered by the current Test Guidelines. To address those new types, it is proposed that there be a partial revision of the Test Guidelines in order to modify three characteristics. There would be no requirement to add or delete any characteristics.

2. The proposed modifications are as follows:

Char. 44 "Fruit: ground color": to introduce a new state "not visible" with note 1 and to renumber the other states accordingly

Char. 45 "Fruit: relative area of over color": to introduce the state "very large or covering whole fruit" for note 9

Background: varieties which have red fruit skin color have been developed. The red coloration is not a ground color, but rather an over color which completely covers the fruit surface, rendering an inability to observe the ground color. Example varieties will be provided for consideration by the Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops at its thirty-seventh session. A color photograph of an example of the new type is provided in the Annex to this document.

Char. 57 “Time of beginning of fruit ripening”: to amend the example varieties

Background: varieties which have a much later harvesting period than the current set of very late example varieties (up to 2 months later) have been developed. Those varieties could be covered under the present note 9 of characteristic 57, but that would result in a very uneven distribution of expression across the scale of notes. Example varieties will be provided for consideration by the Technical Working Party for Fruit Crops at its at its thirty-seventh session. Data concerning the time of beginning of ripening is provided in Annex II to this document.

[Annexes follow]

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ANNEX I

EXAMPLE OF A NEW TYPE OF APRICOT VARIETY



[Annex II follows]

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ANNEX II

DATA CONCERNING TIME OF BEGINNING OF FRUIT RIPENING

1		Early Blush	Soledane	Tom cot - Orangered-Malice-	Goldrich - Florilege	Royal Roussillon Bergarouge	Bergeron (UPOV 7)	Tardif de Tain	Revlar			Boucherand		
2	states	1	2	3	5	6	7	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
	matuity x days after the former state	0	10	7	7	10	5	7	7	7	7	7	10	10
3		very early	early	semi early	medium	semi late	late		very late			very very late		
	UPOV and CPOV states Char. 57	1	2	3	4	5	5		7			9		
	proposal for new states						Bergeron							
	proposal for new example varieties	Rutbarth, patriarca temprano, Ninfa, Bakour	Solédane	Bhart - Tomcot	Godrich, Colomer	Bergeron, Polonais, Pisana, Royal Roussillon			Larquen, Revlar			Boutard		
4	color fruit identification													
5				Flavorella										
6	Orange	A4341 P.Millet									A4076			
7														
8	standard color	A3854 cot86-91					A3614			A4325 cot81-91	A3937 Larclyd	Boutard		
9							VAB94-17			A3936 Larquen		Lartago		
10														
11	Bi color		Pinkcot	Robada		A3999 Kioto								
12														

Char. 57: Time of begining of fruit ripening

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