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BLUEBERRY*

UPOV Code(s):

VACCI_ELL; VACCI_ANG; VACCI_COR; VACCI_FOR; VACCI_MYD; VACCI_MYR; VACCI_SIM; VACCI_VIR

Vaccinium angustifolium Aiton;
Vaccinium corymbosum L.;
Vaccinium formosum Andrews;
Vaccinium myrtilloides Michx.;
Vaccinium myrtillus L.;
Vaccinium virgatum Aiton;
Vaccinium simulatum Small;
Vaccinium elliottii Chapm.

GUIDELINES

FOR THE CONDUCT OF TESTS

FOR DISTINCTNESS, UNIFORMITY AND STABILITY

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Alternative names:*

Botanical name	*English*	*French*	*German*	*Spanish*
Vaccinium angustifolium Aiton, *Vaccinium brittonii* Porter ex Bickn.	Lowbush Blueberry, Upland lowbush blueberry			
Vaccinium corymbosum L., *Vaccinium-Corymbosum-Hybridae*	Blueberry, High Bush Blueberry	Myrtille, Myrtille en Corymbe	Amerikanische Heidelbeere, Kulturheidelbeere	Arándano americano
Vaccinium formosum Andrews, *Vaccinium australe* Small	Swamp Highbush Blueberry			
Vaccinium myrtilloides Michx.	Canada blueberry; Sourtop blueberry; Velvetleaf blueberry		Kanadische Heidelbeere	
Vaccinium myrtillus L.	Bilberry, Blueberry, Whinberry, Whortleberry	Myrtille	Blaubeere, Heidelbeere	Arándano, Mirtillo
Vaccinium simulatum Small				
Vaccinium virgatum Aiton, *Vaccinium ashei* J. M. Reade	Rabbit-eye blueberry, Southern black blueberry			
Vaccinium elliottii Chapm.	mayberry			

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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1. Subject of these Test Guidelines

1.1 These Test Guidelines apply to all varieties of *Vaccinium angustifolium* Aiton, *Vaccinium corymbosum* L., *Vaccinium formosum* Andrews, *Vaccinium myrtilloides* Michx., *Vaccinium myrtillus* L., *Vaccinium simulatum* Small, *Vaccinium virgatum* Aito and *Vaccinium elliottii* Chapm. , *Vaccinium darrowii* Camp., *Vaccinium elliottii* Chapm. and hybrids of these species.

1.2 In the case of ornamental varieties, in particular, it may be necessary to use additional characteristics or additional states of expression to those included in the Table of Characteristics in order to examine Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability.

2. 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 plants.

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

5 plants.

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.

3. 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 growing cycle is considered to be the duration of a single growing season, beginning with bud burst (flowering and/or vegetative), flowering and fruit harvest and concluding when the following dormant period ends with the swelling of new season buds.

3.1.3 In particular the number of chilling hours required to ensure a sufficient amount of flowering and fruit set of the varieties under test should be taken into consideration.

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

3.4.1 Each test should be designed to result in a total of at least 5 plants.

3.4.2 The design of the tests should be such that plants or parts of plants may be removed for measurement or counting without prejudice to the observations which must be made up to the end of the growing cycle.

3.5 Additional Tests

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

4. 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 5 plants or parts of plants taken from each of 5 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 3.

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 second column of 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.

4.2 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 For the assessment of uniformity of vegetatively propagated varieties, a population standard of 95% and an acceptance probability of at least 1% should be applied. In the case of a sample size of 5 plants, no off-types are 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 plant stock to ensure that it exhibits the same characteristics as those shown by the initial material supplied.

5. 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) Plant: vigor (characteristic 1)
(b) Plant: growth habit (characteristic 2)
(c) Fruit: color of skin (characteristic 30)
(d) Plant: fruiting type (characteristic 34)
(e) Time of beginning of flowering on one-year-old shoot (characteristic 36)
(f) Only varieties which fruit on one-year-old and current season's shoots: Time of beginning of flowering on current year’s shoot (characteristic 37)
(g) Time of beginning of fruit ripening on one-year-old shoot (characteristic 38)
(h) Only varieties which fruit on one-year-old and current season's shoots: Time of beginning of fruit ripening on current year's shoot (characteristic 39)

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”.

6. 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 In the case of qualitative and pseudo-qualitative characteristics (see Chapter 6.3), all relevant states of expression are presented in the characteristic. However, in the case of quantitative characteristics with 5 or more states, an abbreviated scale may be used to minimize the size of the Table of Characteristics. For example, in the case of a quantitative characteristic with 9 states, the presentation of states of expression in the Test Guidelines may be abbreviated as follows:

State	*Note*
small	3
medium	5
large	7

However, it should be noted that all of the following 9 states of expression exist to describe varieties and should be used as appropriate:

State	*Note*
very small	1
very small to small	2
small	3
small to medium	4
medium	5
medium to large	6
large	7
large to very large	8
very large	9

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.

(H) - example variety with high chilling requirements
(L) - example variety with low chilling requirements

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)-(g) See Explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter 8.1

7 Not applicable

7. Table of Characteristics/Tableau des caractères/Merkmalstabelle/Tabla de caracteres

		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
1.	**(*)**	**QN VG**	**(+) (a)**				
		Plant: vigor					
		weak				Bluetta (H), Weymouth (H)	3
		medium				Patriot (H), Bluejay (H)	5
		strong				Bluecrop (H), Duke(H), Earliblue(H)	7
2.	**(*)**	**QN VG**	**(a)**				
		Plant: growth habit					
		upright				Ivanhoe (H), Cargo, Spartan (H)	1
		semi upright				Bluetta (H), Draper	2
		spreading				Jersey (H), Scintilla(L), Blue Ribbon	3
3.		**PQ VG**	**(a)**				
		One-year-old shoot: color					
		green				Puru (H)	1
		greenish red				Reka (H)	2
		greyish red				Berkeley (H)	3
		reddish yellow				Heerma	4
		reddish brown				Earliblue(H)	5
		dark red				Aron (H)	6

		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
4.		**QN VG**	**(+) (a)**				
		One-year-old shoot: length of internode					
		short				Drisbluten	1
		medium				Scintilla(L)	2
		long				Drisbluseven	3
5.	**(*)**	**QN MS/VG**		**(b)**			
		Leaf: length					
		short				Darrow (H)	3
		medium				Patriot (H), Bluecrop (H)	5
		long				Berkeley (H), Collins (H), Toro (H)	7
6.		**QN MS/VG**		**(b)**			
		Leaf: width					
		narrow				Heerma, Emil, Putte	3
		medium				Bluecrop (H), Ama	5
		broad				Berkeley (H), Collins (H)	7
7.		**QN MG/VG**		**(b)**			
		Leaf: ratio length/width					
		low				Gretha	3
		medium				Patriot (H)	5
		high				Heerma	7

		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
8.	**(*)**	**PQ VG**	**(+) (b)**				
		Leaf: shape					
		lanceolate				Weymouth (H)	1
		ovate				Puru (H)	2
		elliptic				Earliblue(H)	3
		oblong				Bluetta (H), Jersey (H), Berkeley (H)	4
9.		**QL VG**	**(b)**				
		Leaf: color of upper side					
		yellow				Geerdens	1
		green					2
10.	**(*)**	**PQ VG**	**(b)**				
		Leaf: intensity of green color of upper side					
		light				Earliblue(H)	1
		medium				Berkeley (H), Toro (H)	2
		dark				Weymouth (H), Darrow (H)	3
11.	**(*)**	**QL VG**	**(b)**				
		Leaf: margin					
		entire				Jersey (H), Blueray (H)	1
		serrate				Rancocas, Brigitta (H)	2
12.		**QL VG**					
		Leaf: color of edge of margin					
		green					1
		red				Drisbluten	2

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
13.	**QN VG**	**(b)**				
	Leaf:glaucosity on upper side					
	absent or weak				Puru (H), Reka (H)	1
	medium				Magnolia (L), Dolce Blue	2
	strong				Maru, Takahe	3
14.	**QN VG**	**(c)**				
	Flower bud: anthocyanin coloration					
	weak				Hele	3
	medium				Patriot (H)	5
	strong				Bluecrop (H)	7
	very strong				Collins (H), Brigitta (H)	9
15.	**QN MG/VG**	**(c)**				
	Inflorescence: length (excluding peduncle)					
	short				Bluetta (H), Collins (H)	3
	medium				Duke(H), Earliblue(H)	5
	long				Bluecrop (H), Berkeley (H)	7
16.	**PQ VG**	**(+)** **(c)**				
	Flower: shape of corolla					
	urceolate				Maru	1
	campanulate					2
	cylindric				Reka (H)	3

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
17.	**QN VG**	**(c)**				
	Flower: size of corolla tube					
	small				Blueray (H)	1
	medium				Heerma	3
	large				Collins (H)	5
18.	**QN VG**	**(c)**				
	Flower: anthocyanin coloration of corolla tube on outer side					
	absent or very weak				Camellia (L)	1
	weak				Ama	2
	medium				Gretha	3
	strong				Bluecrop (H)	4
19.	**QN VG**	**(+)** **(c)**				
	Flower: conspicuousness of ridges on corolla tube					
	absent or weak				Ventura (L)	1
	medium				Camellia (L), Atlantic (H)	2
	strong				Bluejay (H), Corona, FL 02-40 (L)	3
20.	**QN VG**	**(d)**				
	Infructescence: density					
	sparse				Rahi	3
	medium				Toro (H)	5
	dense				Tifblue	7

		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
21.		**QN VG**	**(+)**				
		Unripe fruit: intensity of green color					
		light				Heerma	1
		medium				Ama	3
		dark				Berkeley (H)	5
22.	**(*)**	**QN VG**		**(d)**			
		Fruit: size					
		very small				Emil, Putte, ZF08-095 (L)	1
		small				Ama, Sweetcrisp (L)	3
		medium				Concord (H), Emerald (L)	5
		large				Darrow (H), FL05-627 (L)	7
23.	**(*)**	**PQ VG**	**(+)**	**(d)**			
		Fruit: shape in longitudinal section					
		elliptic				Northland (H)	1
		circular				Bluecrop (H), Jersey (H)	2
		oblate				Earliblue(H)	3
24.		**QN VG**					
		Fruit: height/width ratio					
		low				Magnolia (L)	1
		medium				Island Blue	2
		high					3

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
25.	**QN VG**	**(d)**				
	Fruit: attitude of sepals					
	erect				Powderblue (L)	1
	erect to semi-erect				Camellia (L), Sunset Blue	2
	semi-erect				Tifblue	3
	horizontal				Maru, Magnolia (L), Springhigh	4
26.	**QN VG**	**(d)**				
	Fruit: curvature of sepals					
	incurving				Delite (L)	1
	straight				Powderblue (L)	2
	reflexed				Tifblue	3
27.	**QN VG**	**(+) (d)**				
	Fruit: diameter of calyx basin					
	small				Blueray (H)	1
	medium				Bluecrop (H)	3
	large				Darrow (H)	5
28.	**QN VG**	**(+) (d)**				
	Fruit: depth of calyx basin					
	absent or very shallow				Clockwork, Nelson (H), Olympia (H)	1
	shallow				Collins (H)	2
	medium				Blueray (H)	3
	deep				Jersey (H), Heidi, Denis (H)	4

		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
29.	**(*)**	**QN VG**	**(d)**				
		Fruit: intensity of bloom					
		absent or very weak				Goldtraube (H), ZF08-095 (L)	1
		weak				Gretha	3
		medium				Bluetta (H), Ama	5
		strong				Darrow (H), Gila	7
30.	**(*)**	**PQ VG**	**(+) (d)**				
		Fruit: color of skin					
		pink				Pink Lemonade	1
		blue red				Delite (L)	2
		light blue				Berkeley (H)	3
		medium blue				Patriot (H)	4
		dark blue				Heerma	5
		blackish blue				Emil, Putte, Freda	6
31.		**QN MG/VG**	**(+) (d)**				
		Fruit: firmness					
		soft					3
		soft to medium				Darrow (H)	4
		medium				O'Neal (L)	5
		firm				Duke(H)	7
		very firm				Rahi	9

		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
32.		**QN VG**	**(d), (e)**				
		Fruit: sweetness					
		low				Bluetta (H)	1
		medium				Collins (H)	3
		high				Goldtraube (H)	5
33.		**QN VG**	**(+) (d), (e)**				
		Fruit: acidity					
		low				Gretha	3
		medium				Darrow (H)	5
		high				Bluecrop (H), Ascorba (H)	7
34.		**QL VG**					
		Plant: fruiting type					
		on one-year-old shoots only				Patriot (H), Darrow (H)	1
		on one-year-old and current season shoots				Concord (H), Burlington (H)	2
35.	**(*)**	**QN MG/VG**	**(+)**				
		Time of beginning of vegetative growth					
		early				Weymouth (H), Patriot (H)	3
		medium				Bluecrop (H)	5
		late				Blueray (H)	7

		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
36.	**(*)**	**QN MG/VG**	**(f)**				
		Time of beginning of flowering on one-year-old shoot					
		very early				Patriot (H)	1
		early				Weymouth (H)	3
		medium				Berkeley (H)	5
		late				Darrow (H)	7
		very late				Jersey (H)	9
37.	**(*)**	**QN MG/VG**	**(f)**				
		Only varieties which fruit on one-year-old and current season's shoots: Time of beginning of flowering on current year's shoot					
		early				O'Neal (L)	3
		medium				JU83	5
		late					7
38.	**(*)**	**QN MG/VG**	**(g)**				
		Time of beginning of fruit ripening on one-year-old shoot					
		very early				Bluetta (H)	1
		early				Blueray (H)	3
		medium				Heerma	5
		late				Darrow (H)	7
		very late				Elizabeth (H)	9

		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
39.	**(*)**	**QN MG/VG**	**(g)**				
		<u>Only varieties which fruit on one-year-old and current season's shoots</u>: Time of beginning of fruit ripening on current year's shoot					
		early				O'Neal (L)	3
		medium				JU83	5
		late					7
40.		**PQ VG**	**(c)**				
		Flower: color of receptacle					
		green					1
		pink					2
		red					3
		blue					4

8. Explanations on the Table of Characteristics

8.1 Explanations covering several characteristics

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

(a) Observations on the plant should be made on unpruned bushes in the dormant season.

(b) Observations on the leaf should be made on fully developed leaves.

(c) Observations on the inflorescence and flower should be made at the time of full flowering.

(d) Unless otherwise stated, observations on the fruit should be made on physiologically ripe fruits.

(e) Sweetness and acidity should be observed by tasting in comparison to the example varieties.

(f) The time of beginning of flowering is when 10% of the flowers are fully open.

(g) The time of beginning of fruit ripening is when 10% of the fruits are ripe.

8.2 Explanations for individual characteristics

Ad. 1: Plant: vigor

The plant vigor should be considered as the overall abundance of vegetative growth.

Ad. 4: One-year-old shoot: length of internode

Observed on 4th internode from the tip.

Ad. 8: Leaf: shape

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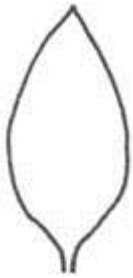
lanceolate



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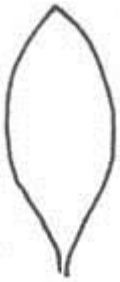

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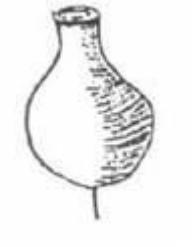
4
oblong

Ad. 16: Flower: shape of corolla



1
urceolate

2
campanulate

3
cylindric

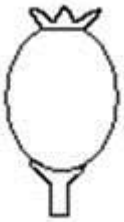
Ad. 19: Flower: conspicuousness of ridges on corolla tube

Observations should be made on outer side

Ad. 21: Unripe fruit: intensity of green color

Observations should be made on late green fruit with bloom

Ad. 23: Fruit: shape in longitudinal section



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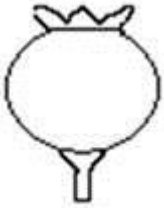

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circular

3
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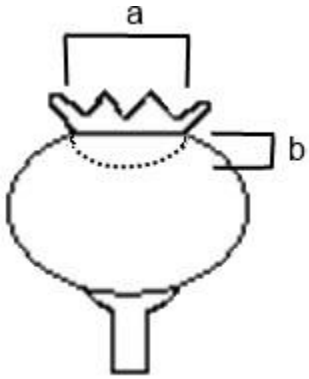
Ad. 27: Fruit: diameter of calyx basin



a: diameter of calyx basin
b: depth of calyx basin

Ad. 28: Fruit: depth of calyx basin

See Ad. 27

Ad. 30: Fruit: color of skin

Observations are made on fruit color after removal of bloom.

Ad. 31: Fruit: firmness

Firmness should be determined by hand in comparison to the example varieties, or measured using a penetrometer.

Ad. 33: Fruit: acidity

Acidity is determined by titration of titrateable acids.

Ad. 35: Time of beginning of vegetative growth

The time of vegetative bud burst is when the first vegetative buds begin to burst.

9. Literature

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10. Technical Questionnaire

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	Application date: (not to be filled in by the applicant)

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE
to be completed in connection with an application for plant breeders' rights

1. Subject of the Technical Questionnaire

1.1.1	Botanical name	*Vaccinium elliottii* Chapm.	[ ]
1.1.2	Common name	mayberry	
1.2.1	Botanical name	*Vaccinium angustifolium* Aiton	[ ]
1.2.2	Common name	Lowbush Blueberry, Upland lowbush blueberry	
1.3.1	Botanical name	*Vaccinium corymbosum* L.	[ ]
1.3.2	Common name	Blueberry, High Bush Blueberry	
1.4.1	Botanical name	*Vaccinium formosum* Andrews	[ ]
1.4.2	Common name	Swamp Highbush Blueberry	
1.5.1	Botanical name	*Vaccinium myrtilloides* Michx.	[ ]
1.5.2	Common name	Canada blueberry; Sourtop blueberry; Velvetleaf blueberry	
1.6.1	Botanical name	*Vaccinium myrtillus* L.	[ ]
1.6.2	Common name	Bilberry, Blueberry, Whinberry, Whortleberry	
1.7.1	Botanical name	*Vaccinium simulatum* Small	[ ]
1.7.2	Common name		
1.8.1	Botanical name	*Vaccinium virgatum* Aiton	[ ]
1.8.2	Common name	Rabbit-eye blueberry, Southern black blueberry	

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2. Applicant

Name	
Address	
Telephone No.	
Fax No.	
E-mail address	
Breeder (if different from applicant)	

3. Proposed denomination and breeder's reference

Proposed denomination (if available)	
Breeder's reference	

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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 varieties)

(……..……..…) x (……..……..…)

female parent male parent

(b) partially known cross [ ]

(please state known 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)

Authorities may allow certain of this information to be provided in a confidential section of the Technical Questionnaire.

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4.2 Method of propagating the variety

4.2.1 Vegetative propagation

(a) Cuttings [ ]
(b) *In vitro* propagation [ ]
(c) Other (state method) [ ]

4.2.2 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 (1)	**Plant: vigor**		
	very weak		1 [ ]
	very weak to weak		2 [ ]
	weak	Bluetta (H), Weymouth (H)	3 [ ]
	weak to medium		4 [ ]
	medium	Bluejay (H), Patriot (H)	5 [ ]
	medium to strong		6 [ ]
	strong	Bluecrop (H), Duke(H), Earliblue(H)	7 [ ]
	strong to very strong		8 [ ]
	very strong		9 [ ]
5.2 (2)	**Plant: growth habit**		
	upright	Cargo, Ivanhoe (H), Spartan (H)	1 [ ]
	semi upright	Bluetta (H), Draper	2 [ ]
	spreading	Blue Ribbon, Jersey (H), Scintilla(L)	3 [ ]
5.3 (30)	**Fruit: color of skin**		
	pink	Pink Lemonade	1 [ ]
	blue red	Delite (L)	2 [ ]
	light blue	Berkeley (H)	3 [ ]
	medium blue	Patriot (H)	4 [ ]
	dark blue	Heerma	5 [ ]
	blackish blue	Emil, Freda, Putte	6 [ ]
5.4 (34)	**Plant: fruiting type**		
	on one-year-old shoots only	Darrow (H), Patriot (H)	1 [ ]
	on one-year-old and current season shoots	Burlington (H), Concord (H)	2 [ ]

	Characteristics	Example Varieties	Note
5.5 (36)	**Time of beginning of flowering on one-year-old shoot**		
	very early	Patriot (H)	1 [ ]
	very early to early		2 [ ]
	early	Weymouth (H)	3 [ ]
	early to medium		4 [ ]
	medium	Berkeley (H)	5 [ ]
	medium to late		6 [ ]
	late	Darrow (H)	7 [ ]
	late to very late		8 [ ]
	very late	Jersey (H)	9 [ ]
5.6 (37)	**Only varieties which fruit on one-year-old and current season's shoots: Time of beginning of flowering on current year's shoot**		
	very early		1 [ ]
	very early to early		2 [ ]
	early	O'Neal (L)	3 [ ]
	early to medium		4 [ ]
	medium	JU83	5 [ ]
	medium to late		6 [ ]
	late		7 [ ]
	late to very late		8 [ ]
	very late		9 [ ]
5.7 (38)	**Time of beginning of fruit ripening on one-year-old shoot**		
	very early	Bluetta (H)	1 [ ]
	very early to early		2 [ ]
	early	Blueray (H)	3 [ ]
	early to medium		4 [ ]
	medium	Heerma	5 [ ]
	medium to late		6 [ ]
	late	Darrow (H)	7 [ ]
	late to very late		8 [ ]
	very late	Elizabeth (H)	9 [ ]

	Characteristics	Example Varieties	Note
5.8 (39)	**<u>Only varieties which fruit on one-year-old and current season's shoots</u>: Time of beginning of fruit ripening on current year's shoot**		
	very early		1 [ ]
	very early to early		2 [ ]
	early	O'Neal (L)	3 [ ]
	early to medium		4 [ ]
	medium	JU83	5 [ ]
	medium to late		6 [ ]
	late		7 [ ]
	late to very late		8 [ ]
	very late		9 [ ]

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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	*Fruit: size*	*small*	*medium*

Comments:

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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

A representative color photograph of the variety displaying its main distinguishing feature(s), should accompany the Technical Questionnaire. The photograph will provide a visual illustration of the candidate variety which supplements the information provided in the Technical Questionnaire.

The key points to consider when taking a photograph of the candidate variety are:

- Indication of the date and geographic location
- Correct labeling (breeder's reference)
- Good quality printed photograph (minimum 10 cm x 15 cm) and/or sufficient resolution electronic format version (minimum 960 x 1280 pixels)"

Further guidance on providing photographs with the Technical Questionnaire is available in document TGP/7 "Development of Test Guidelines", Guidance Note 35 (http://www.upov.int/tgp/en/).

[The link provided may be deleted by members of the Union when developing authorities' own test guidelines.]

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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”.

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10. I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this form is correct:

Applicant’s name

Signature Date

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