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I. <u>Subject of these Guidelines</u>

These Test Guidelines apply to all vegetatively propagated varieties of *Chamelaucium* Desf. of the family Myrtaceae and their hybrids.

II. <u>Material Required</u>

1. The competent authorities decide when, where and in what quantity and quality the plant material required for testing the variety is to be delivered. Applicants submitting material from a State other than that in which the testing takes place must make sure that all customs formalities are complied with. As a minimum, the following quantity of plant material is recommended:

10 young plants.

2. The plant material supplied should be visibly healthy, not lacking in vigor or affected by any important pests or diseases.

3. The plant material must not have undergone any treatment unless the competent authorities allow or request such treatment. If it has been treated, full details of the treatment must be given.

III. Conduct of Tests

1. A test should normally be conducted for one growing period. If distinctness and/or uniformity cannot be sufficiently established in one growing period, the test should be extended for a second growing period.

2. The tests should normally be conducted at one place. If any important characteristics of the variety cannot be seen at that place, the variety may be tested at an additional place.

3. The tests should be carried out in the glasshouse or in the field under conditions ensuring normal growth. The size of the plots should be such that plants or parts of plants may be removed for measurement and counting without prejudice to the observations, which must be made up to the end of the growing period. Each test should include a total of 10 plants. Separate plots for observation and for measuring can only be used if they have been subject to similar environmental conditions.

4. Additional tests for special purposes may be established.

IV. Methods and Observations

1. All observations determined by measurement, weighing or counting should be made on 10 plants or parts of plants taken from 10 plants, 18 to 24 months old.

2. For the assessment of uniformity a population standard of 1% and an acceptance probability of at least 95% should be applied. In the case of a sample size of 10 plants, the maximum number of off-types allowed would be 1.

3. All observations on the fully developed leaf should be made on mature, non-axillary leaves. The color should be observed on the upper side.

4. Unless otherwise indicated, all observations on the flower should be made at midmaturity. All observations on the young flower should be made on the first day of opening. Mid-maturity is defined as 10 to 14 days after the flower first opens. All observations on the fully developed flower should be made 4 weeks after the first opening of the flower.

5. The petal color should be recorded after removing petals from the flower.

6. Because daylight varies, color determinations made against a color chart should be made either in a suitable cabinet providing artificial daylight or in the middle of the day in a room without direct sunlight. The spectral distribution of the illuminant for artificial daylight should conform with the CIE Standard of Preferred Daylight D 6500 and should fall within the tolerance set out in the British Standard 950, Part I. These determinations should be made with the plant part placed against a white background.

V. <u>Grouping of Varieties</u>

1. The collection of varieties to be grown should be divided into groups to facilitate the assessment of distinctness. Characteristics which are suitable for grouping purposes are those which are known from experience not to vary, or to vary only slightly, within a variety. Their various states of expression should be fairly evenly distributed throughout the collection.

2. It is recommended that the competent authorities use the following characteristics for grouping varieties:

- (a) Flower: diameter (characteristic 10)
- (b) Petal: main color at mid maturity (characteristic 25)
- (c) Time of beginning of flowering (characteristic 30)

VI. Characteristics and Symbols

1. To assess distinctness, uniformity and stability, the characteristics and their states as given in the Table of Characteristics should be used.

2. Notes (numbers), for the purposes of electronic data processing, are given opposite the states of expression for each characteristic.

3. <u>Legend</u>

(*) Characteristics that should be used on all varieties in every growing period over which examinations are made and always be included in the variety descriptions, except when the state of expression of a preceding characteristic or regional environmental conditions render this impossible.

(+) See Explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter VIII.

VII. <u>Table of Characteristics/Tableau des caractères/Merkmalstabelle/Tabla de caracteres</u>

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
1.	Leaf: length					
	short					3
	medium					5
	long					7
2.	Leaf: thickness					
	thin					3
	medium				Lady Stephanie	5
	thick				Pristine, Tickled Pink	7
3.	Leaf: hook at ap	ex				
	absent					1
	present				Niribi	9
4.	Leaf: attitude					
	erect					1
	semi-erect					3
	horizontal					5
5.	Flowering branc thickness (60 cm from apex, excluding pot varieties)	: h:				
	thin					3
	medium				Purple Pride	5
	thick				Niribi	7
6.	Flowering branc angle of lateral	ch:				
	small				Jasper	3
	medium				Eric John	5
	large					7

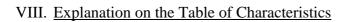
	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
7.	Flowering branch: predominant location of flowers					
	distal					1
	along flowering branch					2
8. (*)	Inflorescence: number of flowers					
	few					3
	medium				Mullering Brook	5
	many				Pearl Buttons, Purple Pride	7
9. (*)	Flower: type					
	single					1
	double				Double Devil	2
10. (*)	Flower: diameter					
	small				Lady Jennifer	3
	medium				Mullering Brook, White Spring	5
	large				Niribi, Purple Pride	7
11.	Bud: shape (before cap dehiscence)					
	spheroid					1
	ovoid					2
	pyriform					3
12.	Bud: horns					
	none				Blondie	1
	one				Madonna	2
	two				Albany Pearl	3
13.	Bud cap: texture					
	shiny					1
	papery					2

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
14.	<u>Varieties with shiny</u> <u>bud cap only:</u> Bud: main colour (before cap dehiscence)					
	green					1
	pink					2
	orange					3
	brown					4
	red					5
	purple					6
15.	<u>Varieties with</u> <u>papery bud cap</u> <u>only:</u> Bud: main colour (before cap dehiscence)					
	light brown					1
	red					2
16.	Bud: apical colour (after cap dehiscence)					
	white					1
	cream					2
	yellow					3
	pink					4
	red					5
	purple					6
17.	Young flower: colour of waxy centre					
	yellow green					1
	light green					2
	medium green					3
	dark green					4
	red brown					5

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
18.	Fully developed flower: colour of waxy centre					
	yellow green					1
	light green					2
	medium green					3
	dark green					4
	red brown					5
19.	Calyx tube: longitudianl furrowing					
	absent				Niribi, Purple Pride	1
	present				Mullering Brook	9
20.	Calyx tube: shape					
	obconical				Purple Pride	1
	flared				Niribi	2
21.	Calyx tube: diameter (at widest part)					
	small					3
	madium				Purple Pride	5
	large				Niribi	7
22.	Calyx tube: colour of middle part					
	yellow					1
	green					2
	brown					3
23.	Calyx lobe: colour					
	green					1
	red					2
	brown					3

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
24. (*)	Young flower: main colour of petal					
	RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)					
25. (*)	Mid-maturity flower: main colour of petal					
	RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)					
26. (*)	Fully developed flower: main colour of petal					
	RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)					
27. (+)	Staminode: width at base	;				
	narrow				Purple Pride	3
	medium				Niribi	5
	broad					7
28.	Flower : colour of collar					
	white					1
	pink					2
	red					3
	purple					4
29.	Style : colour					
	white					1
	pink					2
	red					3
	purple					4

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
30.	Time of beginning of flowering					
	very early					1
	early				Mullering Brook	3
	medium				Pruple Pride	5
	late				Pearl Buttons	7
	very late				Oneg	9



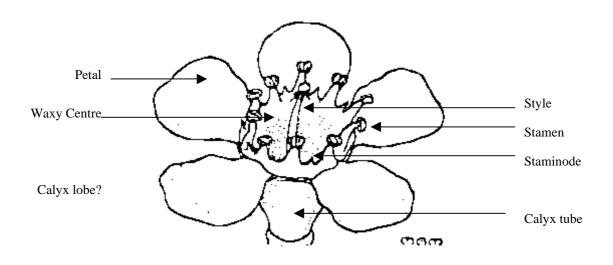


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X. <u>Technical Questionnaire</u>

			Reference Number (not to be filled in by the applicant)
	to be completed in a	TECHNICAL QUESTION connection with an application	
1.	Species	Chamelaucium Desf.	
		WAXFLOWER	
2.	Applicant (Name and a	ddress)	
3.	Proposed denomination	or breeder's reference	

4.	Info	Information on origin, maintenance and reproduction of the variety						
4.1	Orig	Origin						
	(a)	Seedling (indicate parent varieties)						
			[]					
	(b)	Mutation (indicate parent variety)						
			[]					
	(c)	Discovery (indicate where and when)						
			[]					
	(d)	Other (specify)						
			[]					
4.2	Met	hod of reproduction						
	_	cuttings	[]					
	_	in vitro propagation	[]					
	_	other	[]					
4.3	Othe	er information						

5.	Characteristics of the variety to be indicated (the num corresponding characteristic in Test Guidelines; please which best corresponds).		
	Characteristics	Example Varieties	Note
5.1 (10)	Flower: diameter		
	small	Lady Jennifer	3[]
	medium	Mullering Brook, White Spring	5[]
	large	Niribi, Purple Pride	7[]
5.2 (25)	Mid-maturity flower: main colour of petal		
	white		1[]
	yellow		2[]
	pink		3[]
	red		4[]
	purple		5[]
5.3 (30)	Time of beginning of flowering		
	very early		1[]
	early	Mullering Brook	3[]
	medium	Purple Pride	5[]
	late	Pearl Buttons	7[]
	very late	Oneg	9[]

6.	Similar varieties	and differences from the	se varieties				
	enomination of similar variety	Characteristic in which the similar variety is different ^{o)}	State of expression of similar variety	State of expression of candidate variety			
0)	In the case of ide the difference.	ntical states of expressio	ns of both varieties, plea	se indicate the size of			
7.	Additional inform	nation which may help to	distinguish the variety				
7.1	Resistance to pes	ts and diseases					
7.2	Special condition	s for the examination of	the variety				
7.3	Other information	1					
A re	A representative color photo of the variety should be added to the Technical Questionnaire.						

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8.	Authorization for release					
	(a)		• 1	-		for release under legislation man and animal health?
		Yes	[]	No	[]	
	(b)	Has such a	uthorization l	been obtained?		
		Yes	[]	No	[]	
	If th	e answer to	that question	is yes, please a	ttach a cop	by of such an authorization.

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