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**GUIDELINES**

**FOR THE CONDUCT OF TESTS**

**FOR DISTINCTNESS, UNIFORMITY AND STABILITY**

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Buddleja L.	Buddleia, Butterfly-bush	Arbre aux papillons, Buddleia	Buddleie, Schmetterlingsstrauch	Budleya, Mariposa

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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\* These names were correct at the time of the introduction of these Test Guidelines but may be revised or updated. [Readers are advised to consult the UPOV Code, which can be found on the UPOV Website ([www.upov.int](http://www.upov.int)), for the latest information.]

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## 1. Subject of these Test Guidelines

These Test Guidelines apply to all varieties of *Buddleja* L.

## 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 cuttings, at least one-year-old

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

- Rooted cuttings at least one-year-old.
- Height 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*

The minimum duration of tests should normally be a single growing cycle (to have sufficiently developed plants, a second cycle is sometimes necessary).

### 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*

3.3.1 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.

3.3.2 The recommended method of observing the characteristic is indicated by the following key in the second column of the Table 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

### 3.4 *Test Design*

- 3.4.1 Each test should be designed to result in a total of at least 6 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 *Number of Plants / Parts of Plants to be Examined*

Unless otherwise indicated, all observations should be made on 6 plants or parts taken from each of 6 plants.

### 3.6 *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.

#### 4.2 *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:

4.2.1 For the assessment of uniformity of vegetatively propagated varieties, a population standard of 1 % and an acceptance probability of at least 95 % should be applied. In the case of a sample size of 6 plants, 1 off-type is 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.

### 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) Leaf: variegation (characteristic 17)
- (b) Leaf: variegation type (characteristic 18)
- (c) Flower: petal color (upper side) (characteristic 42)
- (d) Flowering: flowering distribution (characteristic 48)

5.4 Guidance for the use of grouping characteristics, in the process of examining distinctness, is provided through the General Introduction.

### 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*

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.

### 6.3 *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.

### 6.5 *Legend*

(\*) Asterisked characteristic – see Chapter 6.1.2

QL: Qualitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3

QN: Quantitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3

PQ: Pseudo-qualitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3

MG: single measurement of a group of plants or parts of plants – see Chapter 3.3.1

MS: measurement of a number of individual plants or parts of plants – see Chapter 3.3.1

VG: visual assessment by a single observation of a group of plants or parts of plants – Chapter 3.3.1

VS: visual assessment by observation of individual plants or parts of plants" –see Chapter 3.3.1

(a)-{x} See Explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter 8.1

(+) See Explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter 8.2

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

		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplares	Note/ Nota
<b>1.</b>  (*) (+)	<b>VG</b>	<b>Plant: vigor</b>	<b>Plante: vigueur</b>	<b>Pflanze: Wuchsform</b>	<b>Planta: porte</b>		
<b>QN</b>		very weak	très faible				1
		weak	faible				3
		medium	moyenne				5
		strong	forte				7
		very strong	très forte				9
<b>2.</b>  (*) (+)	<b>VG</b>	<b>Plant: attitude</b>	<b>Plante: port</b>	<b>Pflanze: Wuchsform</b>	<b>Planta: porte</b>		
<b>QN</b>		upright	dressé				1
		protruding	globuleux				2
		spread	étalé				3
<b>3.</b>	<b>MG</b>	<b>Plant: height</b>	<b>Plante : hauteur</b>				
<b>QN</b>		very short	très petite				1
		short	petite				3
		medium	moyenne				5
		tall	haute				7
		very tall	très haute				9
<b>4.</b>	<b>MG</b>	<b>Plant: ratio height/width</b>	<b>Plante : rapport hauteur/largeur</b>				
<b>QN</b>		higher than wide	plus haute que large				1
		as high as wide	aussi haut que large				2
		less high than wide	moins haut que large				3

					Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
English		français	deutsch	español		
<b>5.</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>Stem: color</b>	<b>Tige : couleur</b>			
(*)						
<b>PQ</b>		green	verte			1
		brownish	brune			2
		reddish	rougeâtre			3
<b>6.</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>Stem: color intensity</b>	<b>Tige : intensité de la couleur</b>			
<b>QN</b>		very weak	très faible			1
		weak	faible			3
		medium	moyenne			5
		strong	forte			7
		very strong	très forte			9
<b>7.</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>Stem: transversal section</b>	<b>Tige : section transversale</b>			
(+)						
<b>PQ</b>		quadrangular	quadrangulaire			1
		hexagonal	hexagonale			2
		rounded	ronde			3
<b>8.</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>Stem: corner intensity</b>	<b>Stem : intensité des angles</b>			
(+)						
<b>QN</b>		very weak	très faible			1
		weak	faible			3
		medium	moyenne			5
		strong	forte			7
		very strong	très forte			9
<b>9.</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>Stem: pubescence</b>	<b>Tige : pubescence</b>			
<b>QL</b>		absent	absente			1
		present	présente			9

					Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
English	français	deutsch	español			
<b>10.</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>Stem: intensity of pubescence</b>	<b>Tige : intensité de la pubescence</b>			
<b>QN</b>	very weak	très faible				1
	weak	faible				3
	medium	moyenne				5
	strong	forte				7
	very strong	très forte				9
<b>11.</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>Leaf: shape</b>	<b>Feuille : forme de la feuille</b>			
(+)						
<b>PQ</b>	narrow lanceolate	lancéolée étroite				1
	medium lanceolate	lancéolée				2
	broad lanceolate	lancéolée large				3
	deltoid	deltoïde				4
<b>12.</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>Leaf: apex blade shape</b>	<b>Feuille : forme du sommet du limbe</b>			
<b>PQ</b>	acute	pointue				1
	rounded	arrondie				2
<b>13.</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>Leaf: color of the upper side</b>	<b>Feuille : couleur face supérieure</b>			
<b>PQ</b>	green	verte				1
	reddish	rougeâtre				3
<b>14.</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>Leaf: color intensity</b>	<b>Feuille : intensité de la couleur</b>			
<b>QN</b>	very weak	très faible				1
	weak	faible				3
	medium	moyenne				5
	strong	forte				7
	very strong	très forte				9

					Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
	English	français	deutsch	español		
<b>15.</b> (*)	<b>VG</b>	<b>Leaf: color of the lower side</b>	<b>Feuille : couleur face inférieure</b>			
PQ		whitish	blanchâtre			1
		green	vert			2
		reddish	rougeâtre			3
<b>16.</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>Leaf: intensity of color of the lower side</b>	<b>Feuille : intensité de la couleur</b>			
QN		very weak	très faible			1
		weak	faible			3
		medium	moyenne			5
		strong	forte			7
		very strong	très forte			9
<b>17.</b> (*)	<b>VG</b>	<b>Leaf: variegation</b>	<b>Feuille : panachure</b>			
QL		absent	absente			1
		present	présente			9
<b>18.</b> (*) (+)	<b>VG</b>	<b>Leaf: variegation type</b>	<b>Feuille : type de panachure</b>			
QL		only bordered	seulement bordé			1
		bordered and stained	bordé et maculé			2
		only stained	seulement maculé			3
<b>19.</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>Leaf: petiole length</b>	<b>Feuille : longueur pétiole</b>			
QN		very short	très court			1
		short	court			3
		medium	moyen			5
		long	long			7
		very long	très long			9

				Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
English	français	deutsch	español		
<b>20.</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>Leaf: blade cutting</b>	<b>Feuille : découpe du limbe</b>		
QL	absent	absente			1
	present	présente			9
<b>21.</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>Leaf: cutting type</b>	<b>Feuille : type de découpe</b>		
PQ	indented	denticulé			1
	tight	serré			2
	incised	incisé			3
<b>22.</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>Leaf: pubescence on the upper side</b>	<b>Feuille : pubescence face supérieure</b>		
QL	absent	absente			1
	present	présente			9
<b>23.</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>Leaf: intensity of pubescence on the upper side</b>	<b>Feuille : intensité de la pubescence sur la face supérieure</b>		
QN	very weak	très faible			1
	weak	faible			3
	medium	moyenne			5
	strong	forte			7
	very strong	très forte			9
<b>24.</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>Leaf: pubescence on the lower side</b>	<b>Feuille : pubescence face inférieure</b>		
QL	absent	absente			1
	present	présente			9

				English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
25.	VG	<b>Leaf: intensity of pubescence on the lower side</b>	<b>Feuille : intensité de la pubescence sur la face inférieure</b>						
QN		very weak		très faible				1	
		weak		faible				3	
		medium		moyenne				5	
		strong		forte				7	
		very strong		très forte				9	
26.	VG	<b>Leaf: goffering</b>	<b>Feuille : gaufrure</b>						
QL		absent		absente				1	
		present		présente				9	
27.	VG	<b>Leaf: intensity of goffering</b>	<b>Feuille : intensité de la gaufrure</b>						
QN		very weak		très faible				1	
		weak		faible				3	
		medium		moyenne				5	
		strong		forte				7	
		very strong		très forte				9	
28.	VG	<b>Plant: inflorescence number</b>	<b>Plante : nombre d'inflorescences</b>						
(+)									
QN		very small		très petit				1	
		small		petit				3	
		medium		moyen				5	
		high		grand				7	
		very high		très grand				9	

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	English	français	deutsch	español	
<b>29.</b>	<b>MG</b>	<b>Flower: shape</b>	<b>Fleur : forme</b>		
PQ	cylindrical short	cylindrique court			1
	cylindrical long	cylindrique long			2
	conical short	conique court			3
	conical long	conique long			4
<b>30.</b>	<b>MG</b>	<b>Inflorescence: length</b>	<b>Inflorescence : longueur</b>		
QN	very short	très courte			1
	short	courte			3
	medium	moyenne			5
	long	longue			7
	very long	très longue			9
<b>31.</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>Inflorescence: flower density</b>	<b>Inflorescence : densité des fleurs</b>		
QN	very weak	très faible			1
	weak	faible			3
	medium	moyenne			5
	strong	forte			7
	very strong	très forte			9
<b>32.</b>	<b>MG</b>	<b>Inflorescence: flower number on each bunch</b>	<b>Inflorescence: nombre de fleurs par bouquet</b>		
QN	very small	très petit			1
	small	petit			3
	medium	moyenne			5
	high	grande			7
	very high	très grande			9

					Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
33.	VG	<b>Flower: flower tube length</b>	<b>Fleur : longueur du tube de la fleur</b>			
QN		very short	très court			1
		short	court			3
		medium	moyen			5
		long	long			7
		very long	très long			9
34.	VG (*)	<b>Flower: external color of the tube</b>	<b>Fleur: couleur extérieur du tube</b>			
PQ		orangish yellow	jaune orangé			1
		orange	orange			2
		pink	rose			3
		purplish –pink	rose violacé			4
		purplish-blue	bleu violacé			5
		purple	violet			6
35.	VG	<b>Flower: tube shape</b>	<b>Fleur : forme du tube</b>			
QL		circular	circulaire			1
		quadrangular	quadrangulaire			2
36.	VG	<b>Flower: petal implantation</b>	<b>Fleur : implantation du pétale</b>			
QN		flat	a plat			1
		intermediate	intermédiaire			2
		tubular	tubulaire			3

				English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
37.	VG	<b>Tube: intensity of the internal color</b>	<b>Tube : intensité de la couleur interne</b>						
QN		very weak		très faible				1	
		weak		faible				3	
		medium		moyenne				5	
		strong		forte				7	
		very strong		très forte				9	
38.	VG	<b>Petals: overlapping</b>	<b>Pétale : chevauchement des pétales</b>						
?		apart		disjoint				1	
		touching		tangent				2	
		overlapping		chevauchant				3	
		irregular		variable				4	
39.	VG	<b>Petal: cutting of the petal edge</b>	<b>Pétale : découpage du bord des pétales</b>						
QL		absent		absente				1	
		present		présente				9	
40.	VG	<b>Flower: petals cutting intensity</b>	<b>Fleur : intensité de la découpage des pétales</b>						
QN		very weak		très faible				1	
		weak		faible				3	
		medium		moyenne				5	
		strong		forte				7	
		very strong		très forte				9	

					Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
English	français	deutsch	español			
<b>41.</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>Petal: size</b>	<b>Petale : taille</b>			
(+)						
<b>QN</b>	very small	très petite			1	
	small	petite			3	
	medium	moyenne			5	
	high	grande			7	
	very high	très grande			9	
<b>42.</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>Flower: petal color (upper side )</b>	<b>Fleur : couleur du pétale (face supérieure)</b>			
(*)						
<b>PQ</b>	R.H.S	R.H.S				
<b>43.</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>Sepal: hue</b>	<b>Sépales : teinte</b>			
<b>PQ</b>	whitish	blanchâtre			1	
	greyish	grisâtre			2	
	greenish	verdâtre			3	
	reddish	rougeâtre			4	
<b>44.</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>Sepals: pubescence</b>	<b>Sépales pubescence</b>			
<b>QL</b>	absent	absente			1	
	present	présente			9	
<b>45.</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>Sepals: intensity of pubescence</b>	<b>Sépales : intensité de la pubescence</b>			
<b>QN</b>	very weak	très faible			1	
	weak	faible			3	
	medium	moyenne			5	
	strong	forte			7	
	very strong	très forte			9	

					Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
46.	VG	<b>Flowering: earliness of flowering</b>	<b>Floraison : précoce</b>			
QN		very early	très précoce			1
		early	précoce			3
		medium	moyenne			5
		late	tardive			7
		very late	très tardive			9
47.	VG	<b>Flowering: flowering periodicity in the year</b>	<b>Fleuraison : périodicité de la floraison</b>			
PQ		once	une fois			3
		twice	deux fois			5
		continual	continue			7
48. (*)	VG	<b>Flowering: flowering distribution</b>	<b>Floraison : localisation de la fleuraison</b>			
QL		on the year wood	sur le bois de l'année			1
		on the two year 's old wood	sur le bois de deux ans			2
49.	MG	<b>Flowering: scent</b>	<b>Fleuraison : parfum</b>			
QN		very weak	très faible			1
		weak	faible			3
		medium	moyen			5
		strong	fort			7
		very strong	très fort			9
50.	VG	<b>Fruit: fructification</b>	<b>Fruit : fructification</b>			
QL		absent	absente			1
		present	présente			9

				Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
51.	VG	<b>Plant: intensity of fructification</b>	<b>Plante: intensité de la fructification</b>		
<b>QN</b>		very weak	très faible		1
		weak	faible		3
		medium	moyenne		5
		strong	forte		7
		very strong	très forte		9
<b>52.</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>Fruit: color</b>	<b>Fruit : couleur</b>		
<b>PQ</b>		green	vert		1
		reddish green	vert rougeâtre		2
<b>53.</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>Fruit: intensity of color</b>	<b>Fruit : intensité de la couleur</b>		
<b>QN</b>		very weak	très faible		1
		weak	faible		3
		medium	moyenne		5
		strong	forte		7
		very strong	très forte		9

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:

8.2 *Explanations for individual characteristics*

9. Literature

10. Technical Questionnaire

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE	Page {x} of {y}	Reference Number:
		Application date: (not to be filled in by the applicant)
<b>TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE</b> to be completed in connection with an application for plant breeders' rights		
1. Subject of the Technical Questionnaire		
1.1 Botanical name	<i>Buddleja L.</i>	
1.2 Common name	Buddleja	
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		

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE	Page {x} of {y}	Reference Number:
<p>#4. Information on the breeding scheme and propagation of the variety</p> <p>4.1 Breeding scheme</p> <p>Variety resulting from:</p> <p>4.1.1 Crossing</p> <p>(a) controlled cross [ ] (please state parent varieties)</p> <p>(b) partially known cross [ ] (please state known parent variety(ies))</p> <p>(c) unknown cross [ ]</p> <p>4.1.2 Mutation [ ] (please state parent variety)</p> <p>4.1.3 Discovery and development [ ] (please state where and when discovered and how developed)</p> <p>4.1.4 Other [ ] (please provide details)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>4.2 Method of propagating the variety</p> <p>4.2.1 Vegetative propagation</p> <p>(a) cuttings [ ]</p> <p>(b) <i>in vitro</i> propagation [ ]</p> <p>(c) other (state method) [ ]</p> <p>4.2.2 Seed [ ]</p> <p>4.2.3 Other [ ] (please provide details)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>		

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE	Page {x} of {y}	Reference Number:
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

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE	Page {x} of {y}	Reference Number:	
6. Similar varieties and differences from these varieties			
<p><i>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.</i></p>			
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 <b>similar</b> variety(ies)	Describe the expression of the characteristic(s) for <b>your</b> candidate variety
<i>Example</i>			
Comments:			

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE	Page {x} of {y}	Reference Number:
<p>#7. Additional information which may help in the examination of the variety</p> <p>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?</p> <p>Yes [ ] No [ ]</p> <p>(If yes, please provide details)</p> <p>7.2 Are there any special conditions for growing the variety or conducting the examination?</p> <p>Yes [ ] No [ ]</p> <p>(If yes, please provide details)</p> <p>7.3 Other information</p> <p>A representative color photograph of the variety should accompany the Technical Questionnaire.</p>		
<p>8. Authorization for release</p> <p>(a) Does the variety require prior authorization for release under legislation concerning the protection of the environment, human and animal health?</p> <p>Yes [ ] No [ ]</p> <p>(b) Has such authorization been obtained?</p> <p>Yes [ ] No [ ]</p> <p>If the answer to (b) is yes, please attach a copy of the authorization.</p>		

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE	Page {x} of {y}	Reference Number:
<p>9. Information on plant material to be examined or submitted for examination.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>(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 [ ]</p>		
<p>Please provide details for where you have indicated "yes".</p> <p>.....</p>		
<p>10. I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this form is correct:</p> <p>Applicant's name <input type="text"/></p> <p>Signature <input type="text"/> Date <input type="text"/></p>		

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