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REVISION OF TEST GUIDELINES FOR NEW GUINEA IMPATIENS

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1. The revised Test Guidelines for New Guinea Impatiens (document TG/196/1) were adopted by the Technical Committee (TC) in April 2002. No proposals were made for a further revision of the Test Guidelines at the thirty-seventh session of the Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO), held in Hanover, Germany, from July 12 to 16, 2004. However, after that TWO session, the leading expert, Ms. Andrea Menne (Germany), became aware that the addition of new states of expression for characteristic 22 "Varieties with bi- or multicolored flowers only: Flower: distribution of secondary color" would be appropriate and proposed that the Test Guidelines should be amended at the earliest opportunity.

2. After consultation with Mr. Chris Barnaby, Chairman of the TWO, it was agreed that the TC should be invited to agree that the TWO consider a revision to the Test Guidelines for New Guinea Impatiens at its thirty-eighth session, to be held in Seoul, from September 12 to 16, 2005. In that respect it is recalled that, whilst most Test Guidelines are commissioned by the TC on the basis of proposals from a Technical Working Party, proposals for the commissioning of work by the TC can be made directly to the TC by a member of the Union (see document TGP/7 Section 2.2.1). On that basis, the TC agreed to the proposal by the leading expert for the TWO to consider a revision of the Test Guidelines for New Guinea Impatiens at its thirty-eighth session.

3. It is proposed that, in addition to considering the addition of new states for characteristic 22, the Test Guidelines for New Guinea Impatiens should be updated in accordance with document TGP/7 “Development of Test Guidelines”, which has been adopted by the TC since document TG/196/1 was adopted.

4. In summary, the draft Test Guidelines for New Guinea Impatiens, document TG/196/2(proj.1), to be considered by the TWO at its thirty-eighth session, present additional states of expression for characteristic 22, as proposed by the Leading Expert and the necessary amendments to bring the document in line with document TGP/7 “Development of Test Guidelines”. All changes to the Test Guidelines, other than the routine updating of standard wording, are shown with highlighting.

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