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PLANTAIN LILY

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Hosta Tratt.

# **GUIDELINES**

# FOR THE CONDUCT OF TESTS

# FOR DISTINCTNESS, UNIFORMITY AND STABILITY

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Hosta Tratt.	Funkia, Hosta, Plantain Lily	Funkia, Hémérocalle du Japon	Funkie	

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.

<sup>\*</sup> 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), for the latest information.]

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# 1. <u>Subject of these Test Guidelines</u>

These Test Guidelines apply to all varieties of *Hosta* Tratt.of the family *Liliaceae* (*Hostaceae*).

# 2. <u>Material Required</u>

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 young plants, two years old, ready to flower and able to express all their characteristics in the first year of examination.

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

# 25 plants

2.4 The plant material supplied should be [free from any Hosta virus,] 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. <u>Method of Examination</u>

# 3.1 Number of Growing Cycles

The minimum duration of tests should normally be two independent growing cycles.

# 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.

Soil: Well-drained fertile soil, with a high content of organic matter or organic substrate.

Light: The test should be conducted under shady conditions to prevent damage from insulation.

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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

# 3.3.3 Observation of color by eye

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 tolerances set out in the British Standard 950, Part I. These determinations should be made with the plant part placed against a white background.

# 3.4 Test Design

3.4.1 Each test should be designed to result in a total of at least 25 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 on single plants should be made on 10 plants or parts taken from each of 10 plants and any other observations made on all plants in the test."

# 3.6 Additional Tests

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

# 4. <u>Assessment of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability</u>

# 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:

4.2.2 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 25 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.

4.3.2 Where appropriate, or in cases of doubt, stability may be tested, either by growing a further generation, or by testing a new plant stock to ensure that it exhibits the same characteristics as those shown by the previous material supplied.

# 5. <u>Grouping of Varieties and Organization of the Growing Trial</u>

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.

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5.3 The following have been agreed as useful grouping characteristics:

- (a) Leaf blade: shape (characteristic 9)
- (b) Leaf blade: variegation (characteristic 14)
- (c) Leaf blade: pattern of total variegation (characteristic 15)

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

# 6. <u>Introduction to the Table of Characteristics</u>

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

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- PQ: Pseudo-qualitative characteristic see Chapter 6.3
- MG, MS, VG, VS: See Chapter 3.3.2
- (+) See Explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter 8

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

		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplos	Note/ Nota
1. (*)	MG	Plant: Shoot: color of the first scaly leaves					
PQ		RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)					
2. (*)	MG	Plant: height (inflorescence excluded)					
QN		very short					1
		short					3
		medium					5
		tall					7
		very tall					9
3.	MG	Plant: diameter					
QN		very small					1
		small					3
		medium					5
		large					7
		very large					9
<b>4.</b> (*)	MG	Petiole: length					
QN		very short					1
		short					3
		medium					5
		long					7
		very long					9

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		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplos	Note/ Nota
5.	VG	Petiole: shape in cross-section					
QL		flat					1
		V-shape					2
		U-shape					3
6.	MG	Petiole: color					
PQ		RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)					
7. (*)	MG	Leaf blade: length					
QN		very short					1
		short					3
		medium					5
		long					7
		very long					9
<b>8.</b> (*)	MG	Leaf blade: width					
QN		very narrow					1
		narrow					3
		medium					5
		broad					7
		very broad					9

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		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplos	Note/ Nota
<b>9.</b> (*)	VG	Leaf blade: shape					
QL	G	very narrow oblong (linear)					1
		very narrow ovate (lanceolate)					2
		narrow ovate					3
		ovate					4
		broad ovate					5
		round					6
		narrow elliptic					7
		elliptic					8
		broad elliptic					9
10. (*)	VG	Leaf blade: shape of base	2				
QL		attenuate					1
		cuneate					2
		truncate					3
		cordate					4
11.	VG	Leaf blade: shape of distal part	2				
PQ		acute					1
		approximately right angle					2
		rounded					3

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		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplos	Note/ Nota
12. (*)	VG	Leaf blade: shape of apex	ſ				
PQ		apiculate					1
		acute					2
		narrow acuminate					3
		acuminate					4
		broad acuminate					5
13. (*)	MG	Leaf blade: main green color					
PQ		RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)					
14. (*)	VG	Leaf blade: variegation					
QL	G	absent					1
		present					9
15.	VG	Leaf blade: pattern of total variegation					
QL	G	flamed					1
		striped					2
		spotted					3
		in sectors					4
		marbled					5
		streaked					6
16.	MG	Leaf blade: main color of variegation					
		RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)					

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		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplos	Note/ Nota
17. (*)	VG	Leaf blade: position of main variegation					
		lateral					1
		central					2
18.	VG	Leaf blade: cover of main variegation compared to the size of the leaf blade					
QN		small					3
		medium					5
		large					7
<b>19.</b> (*)	VG	Leaf blade: third color					
QL		absent					1
		present					9
20.	MG	Leaf blade: third color					
PQ		RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)					
21.	VG	Leaf blade: cover of third color compared to the size of the leaf blade					
QN		small					3
		medium					5
		large					7

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		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplos	Note/ Nota
22.	VG	Leaf blade: cross section					
QL		flat					1
		undulate					2
		twisted					3
		shallow concave					4
		deeply concave					5
		convex					6
23.	VG	Leaf blade: venation	I				
QN		very fine					1
		fine					3
		medium					5
		coarse					7
		very coarse					9
24.	MG	Leaf blade: number of clearly visible parallel veins					
QN		few					3
		medium					5
		many					7
25.	VG	Leaf blade: substance (bulging)					
QL		absent					1
		present					9
26.	VG	Leaf blade: degree of substance					
QN		weak					3
		medium					5
		strong					7

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		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplos	Note/ Nota
27. (*)	VG	Leaf blade: blistering					
QL		absent					1
		present					9
28.	VG	Leaf blade: degree of blistering					
QN		weak					3
		medium					5
		strong					7
29.	VG	Leaf blade: undulation of margin					
QL		absent					1
		present					9
30.	VG	Leaf blade: undulation of margin					
PQ		smooth					1
		undulate					2
		rippled					3
		deeply rippled					4
31.	MG	Inflorescence: lengt	h				
QN		very short					1
		short					3
		medium					5
		long					7
		very long					9

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		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplos	Note/ Nota
32.	MG	Inflorescence: number of flowers					
QN		few					3
		medium					5
		many					7
33.	VG	Inflorescence: attitude of flowers					
QL		erect					1
		horizontal					2
		erect					3
34.	MG	Peduncle: color					
PQ		RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)					
35.	VG	Peduncle: bracts					
QL		absent					1
		present					9
36.	MG	Bracts: length					
QN		very short					1
		short					3
		medium					5
		long					7
		very long					9
37.	MG	Bracts: width					
QN		very narrow					1
		narrow					3
		medium					5
		broad					7
		very broad					9

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		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplos	Note/ Nota
38.	VG	Bracts: cross-section	n				
QL		concave					1
		flat					2
		convex					3
39.	MG	Bracts: color					
PQ		RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)					
40.	MG	Pedicel: length					
QN		short					3
		medium					5
		long					7
41.	MG	Pedicel: color					
PQ		RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)					
42.	MG	Perianth: length					
QN		short					3
		medium					5
		long					7
43.	MG	Perianth: width					
QN		narrow					3
		medium					5
		broad					7
44.	VG	Perianth: shape in side-view					
PQ		tubular					1
		flared					2
		funnel					3
		bell-shaped					4

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		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplos	Note Nota
45.	MG	Perianth: tube: length					
QN		short					3
		medium					5
		long					7
46.	MG	Perianth: tube: color of outer side					
PQ		RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)					
47.	MG	Perianth: length of outer corolla lobes					
QN		short					3
		medium					5
		long					7
48.	VG	Perianth: shape of outer corolla lobes					
PQ		very narrow ovate (lanceolate)					1
		narrow ovate					2
		ovate					3
		broad ovate					4
		round					5
		elliptic					6
		broad elliptic					7
49.	VG	Perianth: outer corolla lobes: shape of apex					
PQ		acute					1
		obtuse					2
		rounded					3

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		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplos	Note/ Nota
50. (*)	MG	Perianth: outer corolla lobes: color					
PQ		RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)					
51.	MG	Perianth: length of inner corolla lobes					
QN		short					3
		medium					5
		long					7
52.	VG	Perianth: inner corolla lobes: shape					
PQ		very narrow ovate (lanceolate)					
		narrow ovate					
		ovate					
		broad ovate					
		round					
		elliptic					
		broad elliptic					
53.	MG	Perianth: inner corolla lobes: color					
PQ		RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)					
54.	VG	Perianth: inner corolla lobes: shape of apex					
PQ		acute					1
		obtuse					2
		rounded					3

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		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplos	Note/ Nota
55.	MG	Filament: length					
QN		short					3
		medium					5
		long					7
56.	VG	Filament: color					
PQ		white or cream					1
		light green					2
		green					3
57.	VG	Anther: color					
PQ		yellow					1
		yellow with purple					2
		purple					3
		brown purple					4
58.	MG	Style: length					
QN		short					3
		medium					5
		long					7
59.	VG	Style: color					
PQ		white or cream					1
		light green					2
		green					3

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		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplos	Note/ Nota
60.	VG	Style: color of stigma					
PQ		white or cream					1
		light green					2
		green					3
		light yellow					4
		light purple					5
		light violet blue					6
61.	VG	Pollen: color					
PQ		yellow					1
		dark yellow					2
		yellow orange					3
		orange					4

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# 8. <u>Explanations on the Table of Characteristics</u>

# 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) to be completed
- (b) etc.

# 8.2 *Explanations for individual characteristics*

Ad. 1 etc.

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# 9. <u>Literature</u>

Grenfell, D. and Shadrack, M., 2004: The color encyclopedia of Hosta's, Timber Press, Inc., Cambridge, UK, ISBN 0-88192-618-3

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# 10. <u>Technical Questionnaire</u>

TEC	HNICAL QUESTIONNAIR	E	Page {x} of {y}	Reference Number:
				Application date: (not to be filled in by the applicant)
1.	Subject of the Technical Qu	iest	ionnaire	
	1.1 Botanical name	Но	esta Tratt.	
	1.2 Common name	Pla	ntain Lily	
2.	Applicant			
	Name			
	Address			
	Telephone No.			
	Fax No.			
	E-mail address			
	Breeder (if different from a	ppli	icant)	
3.	Proposed denomination and	l bro	eeder's reference	
	Proposed denomination (if available)			
	Breeder's reference			

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TECHNICAL QU	UESTIONNAIRE	Page $\{x\}$ of $\{y\}$	Reference Num	ber:				
	<ul><li><sup>#</sup>4. Information on the breeding scheme and propagation of the variety</li><li>4.1 Breeding scheme</li></ul>							
	Variety resulting from:							
4.1.1	<ul><li>(b) partially kno (please state</li><li>(c) unknown cro</li></ul>	parent varieties) wn cross known parent variety(	ies))	[ ] [ ] [ ]				
4.1.2	Mutation (please state paren	t variety)		[ ]				
4.1.3	Discovery and dev (please state where and how developed	e and when discovered		[ ]				
4.1.4	Other (please provide de	tails)		[ ]				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>#</sup> Authorities may allow certain of this information to be provided in a confidential section of the Technical Questionnaire.

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TEC	CHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE	Page {x} of {y}	Reference Number:
4.2	Method of propagating the vari	ety	
	4.2.1 Vegetative propag	gation	
	(a) cuttings		[]
	(b) <i>in vitro</i> propa	gation	[]
	(c) other (state m	ethod)	[]
	4.2.2 Seed		[]
	4.2.3 Other (please provide details)		[]

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TECI	HNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE Page {x} of {y} Reference Number:	
corre	Characteristics of the variety to be indicated (the number in brackets r esponding characteristic in Test Guidelines; please mark the note esponds).	
	Characteristics Example Var	rieties Note
5.1 (2)	Plant: height (inflorescence excluded)	
	very short	1[]
	short	3[]
	medium	5[]
	tall	7[]
	very tall	9[]
5.4 (9)	Leaf blade: shape	
	lanceolate	1[]
	narrow ovate	2[ ]
	ovate	3[]
	broad ovate	4[]
	round	5[]
5.2 (14)	Leaf blade: variegation	
	absent	1[]
	present	9[]
5.3 (15)	Leaf blade: pattern of variegation	
	flamed	1[]
	striped	2[]
	spotted	3[]
	sectors	4[]
	marbled	5[]
	streaked	6[]

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TECHNICAL QUESTI	ONNAIRE	Page {x}	of {y}	Reference Nu	imber:	
6. Similar varieties and differences from these varieties <i>Please use the following table and box for comments to provide information on how your</i> <i>candidate variety differs from the variety (or varieties) which, to the best of your knowledge,</i> <i>is (or are) most similar. This information may help the examination authority to conduct its</i> <i>examination of distinctness in a more efficient way.</i>						
Denomination(s) of variety(ies) similar to your candidate variety	Characteri which your variety diffe similar va	candidate rs from the	of the cha for th	the expression aracteristic(s) he <b>similar</b> iety(ies)	Describe the expression of the characteristic(s) for <b>your</b> candidate variety	
Example	Flower	color	01	range	orange red	
to be completed						
Comments:						
Comments.						

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<sup>#</sup> 7.	Additional information which	may help in the exami	ination of the variety			
7.1	In addition to the information characteristics which may help	A	and 6, are there any additional riety?			
	Yes []	No []				
	(If yes, please provide details)					
7.2	Are there any special conditio	ns for growing the var	iety or conducting the examination?			
	Yes []	No []				
	(If yes, please provide details)					
7.3	Other information					
A rej	presentative color photograph o	f the variety should ac	company the Technical Questionnaire			
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 o	btained?				
	Yes [] No	[]				
If the	If the answer to (b) is yes, please attach a copy of the authorization.					

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>#</sup> Authorities may allow certain of this information to be provided in a confidential section of the Technical Questionnaire.

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9. Information on plant material t	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. vir	us, bacteria, phytoplas	ma) Yes [] No []					
(b) Chemical treatment (e.g.	(b) Chemical treatment (e.g. growth retardant, pesticide) Yes						
(c) Tissue culture		Yes [ ] No [ ]					
(d) Other factors		Yes [ ] No [ ]					
Please provide details for wher	e you have indicated "	yes".					
9.3 Has the plant material to be exa pathogens?	amined been tested for	the presence of virus or other					
Yes []							
(please provide details as s	pecified by the Author	ity)					
No [ ]							
10. I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this form is correct:							
Applicant's name							
Signature	Signature Date						

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