



**TGP/5: Section 10/1**

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**INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS**  
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Associated Document  
to the  
General Introduction to the Examination  
of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability and the  
Development of Harmonized Descriptions of New Varieties of Plants (document TG/1/3)

**DOCUMENT TGP/5**

**“EXPERIENCE AND COOPERATION IN DUS TESTING”**

**Section 10: Notification of Additional Characteristics**

1. The General Introduction states in section 4.2.3 that “The characteristics included in the individual Test Guidelines are not necessarily exhaustive and may be expanded with additional characteristics if that proves to be useful and the characteristics meet the conditions set out [in section 4.2.1]”. It further clarifies in section 4.8, “Functional Categorization of Characteristics” that the function of additional characteristics is:

“1. To identify new characteristics, not included in the Test Guidelines, that have been used by members of the Union in the examination of DUS and which should be considered for inclusion in future Test Guidelines”; and

“2. To facilitate harmonization in the development and use of new characteristics and provide opportunity for expert review.”

2. TGP/7 “Development of Test Guidelines”: GN 27 “Handling a long list of characteristics in the Table of Characteristics” states that “...in some circumstances the TWP may consider that it is unhelpful to include [in the Test Guidelines] all those characteristics which fulfill the criteria for inclusion and, if there is a full consensus amongst all interested experts, may agree to omit certain characteristics. Such omitted characteristics would then be included in document TGP/5, Experience and Cooperation in DUS Testing, in the section on “Notification of Additional Characteristics”.

3. The criteria which an additional characteristic must satisfy are set out in the General Introduction: section 4.8, “Functional Categorization of Characteristics”, namely it:

1. must satisfy the criteria for use of any characteristic for DUS as set out in Chapter 4, section 4.2 and evidence for this must be available from the submitting member of the Union;

“2. must have been used to establish DUS in at least one member of the Union”;

and

“3. such characteristics should be submitted to UPOV for inclusion in document TGP/5, “Experience and Cooperation in DUS Testing.”

4. The following table has been developed for the notification of additional characteristics. Additional characteristics notified to the Office of the Union will be presented on the password-restricted area of the UPOV website ([http://www.upov.int/restrict/en/index\\_drafters\\_kit.htm](http://www.upov.int/restrict/en/index_drafters_kit.htm)).

**Test Guidelines for [.....]: TG/[...]/[...]**  
**Additional Characteristics**

Submitting Authority:

Contact Expert: Name:

Date:

Organization:

Tel.:

E-mail:

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties* / Exemples* / Beispielssorten* / Variedades ejemplo*	Note/ Nota
<b>Type of expression of the characteristic (QL, PQ, QN)</b>	<b>[characteristic]</b>					
	[state 1]					
	[state 2]					
	etc.					

Explanation / Illustration:

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\* Must be provided for at least two states