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GUIDELINES

FOR THE CONDUCT OF TESTS

FOR DISTINCTNESS, UNIFORMITY AND STABILITY

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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.

* 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. Subject of these Test Guidelines

These Test Guidelines apply to all varieties of *Weigela* Thunb.

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 plants (two years old) on their own roots.

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

6 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

3.1.1 The minimum duration of tests should normally be a single growing cycle.

3.1.2 The testing of a variety may be concluded when the competent authority can determine with certainty the outcome of the test.

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 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. The color chart and version used should be specified in the variety description.

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 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.

4.1.4 Number of Plants or Parts of Plants to be Examined

Unless otherwise indicated, for the purposes of distinctness, all observations on single plants should be made on 5 plants or parts of plants taken from each of 5 plants and any other observations made on all plants in the test, disregarding any off-type plants.

4.1.5 Method of Observation

The recommended method of observing the characteristic for the purposes of distinctness is indicated by the following key in the Table of Characteristics (see document TGP/9 “Examining Distinctness”, Section 4 “Observation 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

Type of observation: visual (V) or measurement (M)

“Visual” observation (V) is an observation made on the basis of the expert’s judgment. For the purposes of this document, “visual” observation refers to the sensory observations of the experts and, therefore, also includes smell, taste and touch. Visual observation includes observations where the expert uses reference points (e.g. diagrams, example varieties, side-by-side comparison) or non-linear charts (e.g. color charts). Measurement (M) is an objective observation against a calibrated, linear scale e.g. using a ruler, weighing scales, colorimeter, dates, counts, etc.

Type of record: for a group of plants (G) or for single, individual plants (S)

For the purposes of distinctness, observations may be recorded as a single record for a group of plants or parts of plants (G), or may be recorded as records for a number of single, individual plants or parts of plants (S). In most cases, “G” provides a single record per variety and it is not possible or necessary to apply statistical methods in a plant-by-plant analysis for the assessment of distinctness.

In cases where more than one method of observing the characteristic is indicated in the Table of Characteristics (e.g. VG/MG), guidance on selecting an appropriate method is provided in document TGP/9, Section 4.2.

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 These Test Guidelines have been developed for the examination of vegetatively propagated varieties. For varieties with other types of propagation, the recommendations in the General Introduction and document TGP/13 "Guidance for new types and species" Section 4.5 "Testing Uniformity" should be followed.

4.2.3 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.

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

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) Plant: growth habit (characteristic 3)
(b) Shoot: color (characteristic 5)
(c) Leaf blade: main color (characteristic 16)
(d) Leaf blade: secondary color (characteristic 17)
(e) Leaf blade: presence of tertiary color (characteristic 19)
(f) Inflorescence: type (characteristic 24)
(g) Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant (characteristic 28)
(h) Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: absent: Corolla lobe: main color of outer side (characteristic 29) with the following groups: Gr. 1: white
Gr. 2: yellow
Gr. 3: pink
Gr. 4: red
Gr. 5: purple
(i) Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: absent: Corolla lobe: main color of inner side (characteristic 32) with the following groups:
Gr. 1: white
Gr. 2: yellow
Gr. 3: pink
Gr. 4: red
Gr. 5: purple

(j) Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: present: Corolla lobe: main color of outer side of the predominantly present flower (characteristic 35) with the following groups:
Gr. 1: white
Gr. 2: pink
Gr. 3: red
Gr. 4: purple

(k) Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: present: Corolla lobe: main color of inner side of the predominantly present flower (characteristic 36) with the following groups:
Gr. 1: white
Gr. 2: pink
Gr. 3: red
Gr. 4: purple

(l) Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: present: Corolla lobe: main color of outer side of the second predominantly present flower (characteristic 37) with the following groups:
Gr. 1: white
Gr. 2: pink
Gr. 3: red
Gr. 4: purple

(m) Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: present: Corolla lobe: main color of inner side of the second predominantly present flower (characteristic 38) with the following groups:
Gr. 1: white
Gr. 2: pink
Gr. 3: red
Gr. 4: purple

(n) Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: present: Corolla lobe: main color of outer side of the third predominantly present flower (characteristic 39) with the following groups:
Gr. 1: white
Gr. 2: pink
Gr. 3: red
Gr. 4: purple

(o) Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: present: Corolla lobe: main color of inner side of the third predominantly present flower (characteristic 40) with the following groups:
Gr. 1: white
Gr. 2: pink
Gr. 3: red
Gr. 4: purple

(p) Corolla throat: color of blotch (characteristic 42)

(q) Time of beginning of flowering (characteristic 44)

5.4 Guidance for the use of grouping characteristics, in the process of examining distinctness, is provided through the General Introduction and document TGP/9 “Examining Distinctness”.

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

6.2.1 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.

6.2.2 All relevant states of expression are presented in the characteristic.

6.2.3 Further explanation of the presentation of states of expression and notes is provided in document TGP/7 “Development of Test Guidelines”.

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

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
1 2	**3 4**	**5 6**	**7**			
	Name of characteristics in English	**Nom du caractère en français**	**Name des Merkmals auf Deutsch**	**Nombre del carácter en español**		
	states of expression	types d’expression	Ausprägungsstufen	tipos de expresión		

1 Characteristic number

2 (*) Asterisked characteristic – see Chapter 6.1.2

3 Type of expression
QL Qualitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3
QN Quantitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3
PQ Pseudo-qualitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3

4 Method of observation (and type of plot, if applicable)
MG, MS, VG, VS – see Chapter 4.1.5

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

6 (a)-(j) See Explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter 8.1

7 Not applicable

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

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
1.	**QN MG/VG**	**(a)**				
	Plant: height					
	very short				Elvera	1
	very short to short					2
	short				Bokraspark	3
	short to medium					4
	medium				Wagneri	5
	medium to tall					6
	tall				Girondin	7
	tall to very tall					8
	very tall				Le Printemps	9
2.	**QN VG**	**(a)**				
	Plant: height in relation to width					
	taller than broad				Alexandra	1
	as tall as broad				Bokraspark	2
	broader than tall				Styriaca	3
3. **(*)**	**QN VG**	**(+)** **(a)**				
	Plant: growth habit					
	upright					1
	upright to spreading					2
	spreading					3
	drooping					4
4.	**QN VG**	**(a)**				
	Plant: density					
	sparse				Fiesta	1
	sparse to medium					2
	medium				Kolsunn	3
	medium to dense					4
	dense				TVP2	5

		English		français		deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
5.	**(*)**	**PQ**	**VG**		**(b)**				
		Shoot: color							
		green						Candida	1
		red						Courtadur	2
		brownish purple						Alexandra	3
6.		**QN**	**VG**	**(+)**	**(b)**				
		Shoot: shape in cross-section							
		rounded						Maximowiczii	1
		rounded to slightly angular						Courtadur	2
		angular						Descartes	3
7.		**QN**	**VG**	**(+)**	**(b), (c)**				
		Leaf blade: attitude in relation to shoot							
		upwards						Kolmagira	1
		outwards						Kolsunn	2
		downwards						Styriaca	3
8.		**QN**	**MG/MS/VG**	**(+)**	**(b), (c)**				
		Leaf blade: length							
		very short							1
		very short to short							2
		short						Bokraspark	3
		short to medium							4
		medium						Wagneri	5
		medium to long							6
		long						Conquête	7
		long to very long							8
		very long							9

		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
9.	**QN**	**MG/MS/VG**	**(+)**	**(b), (c)**			
		Leaf blade: width					
		very narrow					1
		very narrow to narrow					2
		narrow				Bokraspark	3
		narrow to medium					4
		medium				Wagneri	5
		medium to broad					6
		broad				Conquête	7
		broad to very broad					8
		very broad					9
10.	**(*)** **PQ**	**VG**		**(b), (c)**			
		Leaf blade: shape					
		ovate				Styriaca	1
		elliptic				TVP2	2
		obovate				Canary	3
11.	**QN**	**VG**	**(+)**	**(b), (c)**			
		Leaf blade: profile in cross-section					
		concave				Wings of fire	1
		flat					2
		convex				Bokraspark	3
12.	**QN**	**VG**	**(+)**	**(b), (c)**			
		Leaf blade: blistering					
		absent or weak				Alexandra	1
		weak to medium				Courtared	2
		medium				Féerie	3
		medium to strong				Courtatom	4
		strong				Caricature	5
13.	**(*)** **QN**	**VG**		**(b), (c)**			
		Leaf blade: pubescence of lower side					
		absent or sparse				Venusta	1
		medium				TVP2	2
		dense				Courtadur	3

		English		français		deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
14.		**QN**	**VG**	**(+)**	**(b), (c)**				
		Leaf blade: undulation of margin							
		absent or weak						Alexandra	1
		medium						Kosteriana Variegata	2
		strong						Courtared	3
15.		**QN**	**VG**		**(b), (c)**				
		Leaf blade: incisions of margin							
		absent or shallow						Caricature	1
		medium						Alexandra	2
		deep						Styriaca	3
16.	**(*)**	**PQ**	**VG**		**(b), (c), (d), (e)**				
		Leaf blade: main color							
		yellow						Newzako	1
		light green						Golden candy	2
		medium green						Styriaca	3
		dark green						Bristol Ruby	4
		purple						Alexandra	5
17.	**(*)**	**PQ**	**VG**		**(b), (c), (e), (f)**				
		Leaf blade: secondary color							
		none						Alexandra	1
		white						Kolsunn	2
		yellowish white						Verweig	3
		yellow						Brigela	4
		yellow green						Milk and Honey	5
		dark green						Olympiade	6
18.		**PQ**	**VG**	**(+)**	**(b), (c), (e), (f)**				
		Leaf blade: distribution of secondary color							
		on margin only						Marginata Alba	1
		marginal zone						Brigela	2
		central zone						Olympiade	3
		irregular						Milk and Honey	4

		English		français		deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
19.	**(*)**	**QL**	**VG**		**(b), (c), (e), (f)**				
		Leaf blade: presence of tertiary color							
		absent						Alexandra	1
		present						Kolmagira, Verweig	9
20.		**PQ**	**VG**		**(b), (c), (e), (f)**				
		Leaf blade: tertiary color							
		RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)							
21.		**PQ**	**VG**	**(+)**					
		Flower bud: color							
		RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)							
22.		**PQ**	**VG**	**(+)**	**(g)**				
		Sepal: color							
		green						Candida	1
		red						Verweig 4	2
23.		**QN**	**VG**		**(g)**				
		Sepal: pubescence							
		absent or sparse							1
		medium							2
		dense							3
24.	**(*)**	**QL**	**VG**	**(+)**					
		Inflorescence: type							
		solitary flower						Elvera	1
		simple panicle						Verweig 4	2
		compound panicle						Courtadur	3
25.		**QN**	**MG/VG**		**(g), (h)**				
		Corolla: length							
		short							1
		medium							2
		long							3

		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
26.		**QN MG/VG**	**(g), (h)**				
		Corolla: width					
		very narrow				Slingpink	1
		very narrow to narrow					2
		narrow				Candida	3
		narrow to medium					4
		medium				Fiesta	5
		medium to broad					6
		broad				Courtadur	7
		broad to very broad					8
		very broad				Conquête	9
27.		**QN VG**	**(g), (h)**				
		Corolla: length in relation to width					
		longer than broad				TVP2	1
		as long as broad				Bristol Ruby	2
		broader than long				Brigela	3
28.	**(*)**	**QL VG**	**(+)**				
		Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant					
		absent					1
		present					9
29.	**(*)**	**PQ VG**	**(d), (g), (h)**				
		<u>Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: absent:</u> Corolla lobe: main color of outer side					
		RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)					

		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
30.		**PQ VG**	**(f), (g), (h)**				
		Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: absent: Corolla lobe: secondary color of outer side					
		RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)					
31.		**PQ VG**	**(+) (f), (g), (h)**				
		Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: absent: Corolla lobe: distribution of secondary color of outer side					
		on margin only					1
		marginal zone					2
		central zone					3
32.	**(*)**	**PQ VG**	**(d), (g), (h)**				
		Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: absent: Corolla lobe: main color of inner side					
		RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)					
33.		**PQ VG**	**(f), (g), (h)**				
		Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: absent: Corolla lobe: secondary color of inner side					
		RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)					

		English		français		deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
34.		**QN**	**VG**	**(+)**	**(f), (g), (h)**				
		<u>Only varieties with Flower:</u> <u>presence of different colored flowers on the same plant:</u> <u>absent:</u> Corolla lobe: area of secondary color on the margin of inner side							
		small							1
		medium							2
		large							3
35.	**(*)**	**PQ**	**VG**		**(g), (h), (i)**				
		<u>Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: present:</u> Corolla lobe: main color of outer side of the predominantly present flower							
		RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)							
36.	**(*)**	**PQ**	**VG**		**(g), (h), (i)**				
		<u>Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: present:</u> Corolla lobe: main color of inner side of the predominantly present flower							
		RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)							
37.	**(*)**	**PQ**	**VG**		**(g), (h), (j)**				
		<u>Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: present:</u> Corolla lobe: main color of outer side of the second predominantly present flower							
		RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)							

		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
38.	**(*)**	**PQ VG**	**(g), (h), (j)**				
		<u>Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: present:</u> Corolla lobe: main color of inner side of the second predominantly present flower					
		RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)					
39.	**(*)**	**PQ VG**	**(g), (h), (j)**				
		<u>Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: present:</u> Corolla lobe: main color of outer side of the third predominantly present flower					
		RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)					
40.	**(*)**	**PQ VG**	**(g), (h), (j)**				
		<u>Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: present:</u> Corolla lobe: main color of inner side of the third predominantly present flower					
		RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)					
41.		**QN VG**	**(+) (g)**				
		Corolla lobe: attitude					
		erect				Bokrarob	1
		semi erect				Gloire des bosquets	2
		horizontal				Olympiade	3
42.	**(*)**	**PQ VG**	**(+) (g)**				
		Corolla throat: color of blotch					
		none					1
		yellow				Courtadur	2
		orange yellow				Bokrarob	3
		yellow or red				Mango	4

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
43. (*)	**QN VG**	**(+)**				
	Stigma: position in relation to anthers					
	same level				Kolmas	1
	slightly above				Olympiade	2
	strongly above				Styriaca	3
44. (*)	**QN MG/VG**	**(+)**				
	Time of beginning of flowering					
	very early				Canary	1
	very early to early					2
	early				Bokraspark, Pink Princess	3
	early to medium					4
	medium				Abel Carrière	5
	medium to late					6
	late				Bokrarob	7
	late to very late					8
	very late				Marjorie	9
45. (*)	**QL VG**					
	Second flowering					
	absent				Féerie	1
	present				Slingco 4	9

8. Explanations on the Table of Characteristics

8.1 Explanations covering several characteristics

Unless otherwise indicated all observations should be made when 50% of the inflorescences have open flowers

Characteristics containing the following key in the Table of Characteristics should be examined as indicated below:

(a) Observation should be made just before flowering.

(b) Observations should be made on current years growth.

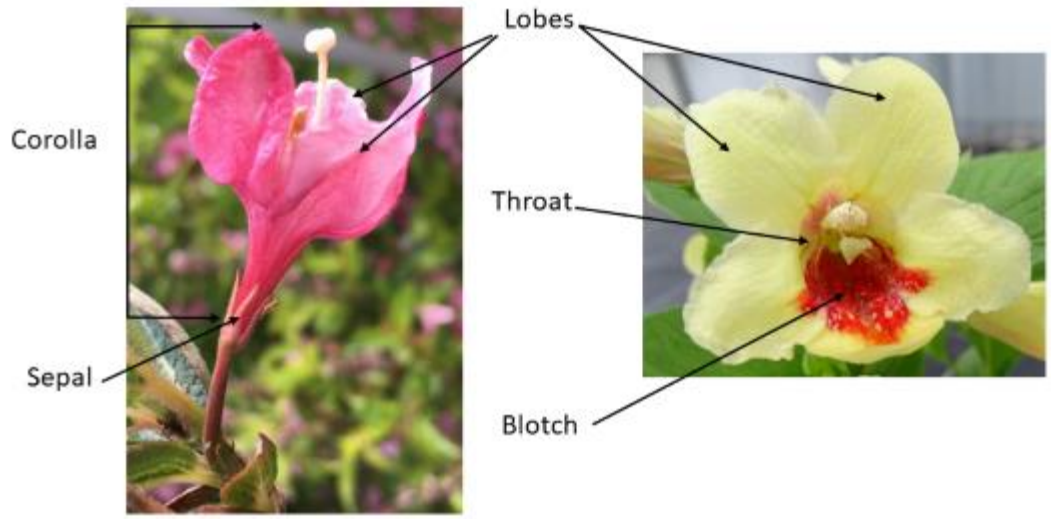
(c) Observations should be made on fully expanded leaves.

(d) The main color is the color with the largest surface area. In cases where the areas of the main and secondary color are too similar to reliably decide which color has the largest area, the darker color is considered to be the main color.

(e) Observations should be made on the upper side of the leaf blade

(f) The secondary color is the color with the second largest surface area. In cases where the areas of the secondary and tertiary color are too similar to reliably decide which color has the largest area, the darker color is considered to be the secondary color.

(g)



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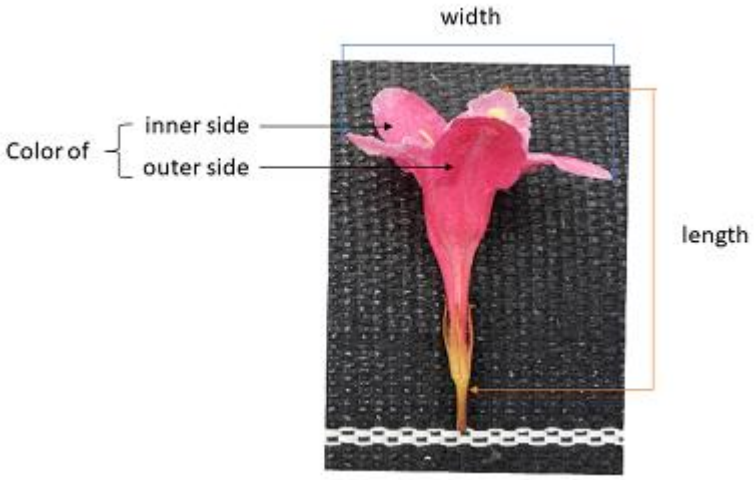
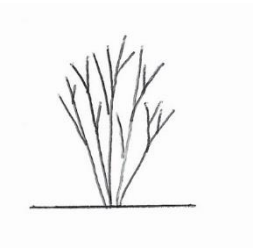


(i) The predominantly present flower is the flower whose color occurs at the highest frequency on the plant. In cases where the frequency of the predominantly present flower and the second predominantly present flower are too similar to reliably decide which flower has the highest frequency on the plant, the flower with the darker color is considered to be the predominantly present flower.

(j) The second predominantly present flower is the flower whose color occurs at the second highest frequency on the plant. In cases where the frequency of the second predominantly present flower and the third predominantly present flower are too similar to reliably decide which has the highest frequency, the flower with the darker color is considered to be the second predominantly present flower.

8.2 Explanations for individual characteristics

Ad. 3: Plant: growth habit



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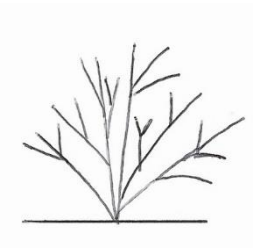
upright



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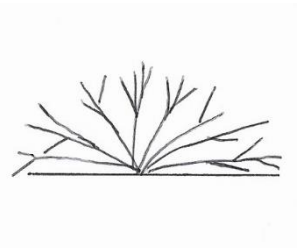
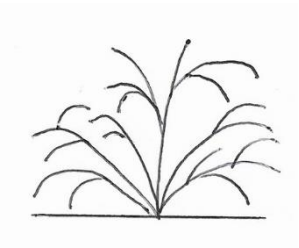
upright to spreading



3
spreading



4
drooping

Ad. 6: Shoot: shape in cross-section

1
rounded

2
rounded to slightly angular

3
angular

Ad. 7: Leaf blade: attitude in relation to shoot

1
upwards

2
outwards

3
downwards

Ad. 8: Leaf blade: length

Ad. 9: Leaf blade: width

Ad. 11: Leaf blade: profile in cross-section

1
concave

2
flat

3
convex

Ad. 12: Leaf blade: blistering

1
absent or weak

3
medium

5
strong

Ad. 14: Leaf blade: undulation of margin

1
absent or weak

3
strong

Ad. 18: Leaf blade: distribution of secondary color

1
on margin only

2
marginal zone

3
central zone

4
irregular

Ad. 21: Flower bud: color

Observation should be made just before opening of the bud.
Observation should be made on the color covering the largest surface area

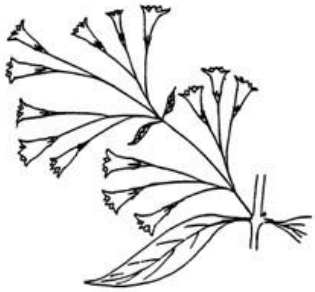
Ad. 22: Sepal: color

Observation should be made on the color covering the largest surface area

Ad. 24: Inflorescence: type

1
solitary flower

2
simple panicle



3
compound panicle

Ad. 28: Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant

1
absent

9
present

Ad. 31: Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: absent: Corolla lobe: distribution of secondary color of outer side

1
on margin only

2
marginal zone

3
central zone

Ad. 34: Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: absent: Corolla lobe: area of secondary color on the margin of inner side

to add illustration
April 21st: too early to make photos. Hope to show you one during the TWO

Ad. 41: Corolla lobe: attitude

1
erect

2
semi erect

3
horizontal

Ad. 42: Corolla throat: color of blotch

State 4 "yellow or red" means that on the same plant there are simultaneously flowers with a yellow blotch in the corolla throat and flowers with a red blotch in the corolla throat.

Ad. 43: Stigma: position in relation to anthers

1
same level

2
slightly above

3
strongly above

Ad. 44: Time of beginning of flowering

The time of beginning of flowering is reached when all plants have approximately 10% of inflorescences with open flowers.

9. Literature

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10. Technical Questionnaire

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	Application date: (not to be filled in by the applicant)

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE
to be completed in connection with an application for plant breeders' rights

1. Subject of the Technical Questionnaire

1.1	Botanical name	*Weigela* Thunb.
1.2	Common name	Weigela

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	

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[#]4. Information on the breeding scheme and propagation of the variety

4.1 Breeding scheme

Variety resulting from:

4.1.1 Crossing

(a) controlled cross [ ]

(please state parent variety)

(……..……..…) x (……..……..…)

female parent male parent

(b) partially known cross [ ]

(please state known parent variety(ies))

(……..……..…) x (……..……..…)

female parent male parent

(c) unknown cross [ ]

4.1.2 Mutation [ ]
(please state parent variety)

4.1.3 Discovery and development [ ]
(please state where and when discovered and how developed)

4.1.4 Other [ ]
(please provide details)

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4.2 Method of propagating the variety

4.2.1 Vegetative propagation

(a) Cuttings [ ]
(b) *In vitro* propagation [ ]
(c) Other (state method) [ ]

4.2.2 Other [ ]
(Please provide details)

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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
5.1 (3)	**Plant: growth habit**		
	upright		1 [ ]
	upright to spreading		2 [ ]
	spreading		3 [ ]
	drooping		4 [ ]
5.2 (5)	**Shoot: color**		
	green	Candida	1 [ ]
	red	Courtadur	2 [ ]
	brownish purple	Alexandra	3 [ ]
	other (please specify)		4 [ ]
5.3 (16)	**Leaf blade: main color**		
	yellow	Newzako	1 [ ]
	light green	Golden candy	2 [ ]
	medium green	Styriaca	3 [ ]
	dark green	Bristol Ruby	4 [ ]
	purple	Alexandra	5 [ ]
	other (please specify)		6 [ ]
5.4 (17)	**Leaf blade: secondary color**		
	none	Alexandra	1 [ ]
	white	Kolsunn	2 [ ]
	yellowish white	Verweig	3 [ ]
	yellow	Brigela	4 [ ]
	yellow green	Milk and Honey	5 [ ]
	dark green	Olympiade	6 [ ]
	other (please specify)		7 [ ]
5.5 (19)	**Leaf blade: presence of tertiary color**		
	absent	Alexandra	1 [ ]
	present	Kolmagira, Verweig	9 [ ]

	Characteristics	Example Varieties	Note
5.6 (24)	**Inflorescence: type**		
	solitary flower	Elvera	1 [ ]
	simple panicle	Verweig 4	2 [ ]
	compound panicle	Courtadur	3 [ ]
5.7 (28)	**Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant**		
	absent		1 [ ]
	present		9 [ ]
5.8(i) (29)	**Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: absent: Corolla lobe: main color of outer side**		
	RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)		
5.8(ii) (29)	**Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: absent: Corolla lobe: main color of outer side**		
	white		1 [ ]
	yellow		2 [ ]
	pink		3 [ ]
	red		4 [ ]
	purple		5 [ ]
	other (please specify)		6 [ ]
5.9(i) (32)	**Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: absent: Corolla lobe: main color of inner side**		
	RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)		
5.9(ii) (32)	**Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: absent: Corolla lobe: main color of inner side**		
	white		1 [ ]
	yellow		2 [ ]
	pink		3 [ ]
	red		4 [ ]
	purple		5 [ ]
	other (please specify)		6 [ ]

	Characteristics	Example Varieties	Note
5.10(i) (35)	**Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: present: Corolla lobe: main color of outer side of the predominantly present flower**		
	RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)		
5.10(ii) (35)	**Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: present: Corolla lobe: main color of outer side of the predominantly present flower**		
	white		1 [ ]
	pink		2 [ ]
	red		3 [ ]
	purple		4 [ ]
	other (please specify)		5 [ ]
5.11(i) (36)	**Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: present: Corolla lobe: main color of inner side of the predominantly present flower**		
	RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)		
5.11(ii) (36)	**Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: present: Corolla lobe: main color of inner side of the predominantly present flower**		
	white		1 [ ]
	pink		2 [ ]
	red		3 [ ]
	purple		4 [ ]
	other (please specify)		5 [ ]

	Characteristics	Example Varieties	Note
5.12(i) (37)	**Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: present: Corolla lobe: main color of outer side of the second predominantly present flower**		
	RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)		
5.12(ii) (37)	**Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: present: Corolla lobe: main color of outer side of the second predominantly present flower**		
	white		1 [ ]
	pink		2 [ ]
	red		3 [ ]
	purple		4 [ ]
	other (please specify)		5 [ ]
5.13(i) (38)	**Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: present: Corolla lobe: main color of inner side of the second predominantly present flower**		
	RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)		
5.13(ii) (38)	**Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: present: Corolla lobe: main color of inner side of the second predominantly present flower**		
	white		1 [ ]
	pink		2 [ ]
	red		3 [ ]
	purple		4 [ ]
	other (please specify)		5 [ ]

	Characteristics	Example Varieties	Note
5.14(i) (39)	**Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: present: Corolla lobe: main color of outer side of the third predominantly present flower**		
	RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)		
5.14(ii) (39)	**Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: present: Corolla lobe: main color of outer side of the third predominantly present flower**		
	white		1 [ ]
	pink		2 [ ]
	red		3 [ ]
	purple		4 [ ]
	other (please specify)		5 [ ]
5.15(i) (40)	**Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: present: Corolla lobe: main color of inner side of the third predominantly present flower**		
	RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)		
5.15(ii) (40)	**Only varieties with Flower: presence of different colored flowers on the same plant: present: Corolla lobe: main color of inner side of the third predominantly present flower**		
	white		1 [ ]
	pink		2 [ ]
	red		3 [ ]
	purple		4 [ ]
	other (please specify)		5 [ ]

	Characteristics	Example Varieties	Note
5.16 (42)	**Corolla throat: color of blotch**		
	none		1 [ ]
	yellow	Courtadur	2 [ ]
	orange yellow	Bokrarob	3 [ ]
	yellow or red	Mango	4 [ ]
	other (please specify)		5 [ ]
5.17 (44)	**Time of beginning of flowering**		
	very early	Canary	1 [ ]
	very early to early		2 [ ]
	early	Bokraspark, Pink Princess	3 [ ]
	early to medium		4 [ ]
	medium	Abel Carrière	5 [ ]
	medium to late		6 [ ]
	late	Bokrarob	7 [ ]
	late to very late		8 [ ]
	very late	Marjorie	9 [ ]

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6. Similar varieties and differences from these varieties

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.

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 **similar** variety(ies)	Describe the expression of the characteristic(s) for **your** candidate variety
Example	*Leaf blade: main color*	*yellow*	*dark green*

Comments:

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[#]7. Additional information which may help in the examination of the variety

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?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

(If yes, please provide details)

7.2 Are there any special conditions for growing the variety or conducting the examination?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

(If yes, please provide details)

7.3 Other information

A representative color photograph of the variety displaying its main distinguishing feature(s), should accompany the Technical Questionnaire. The photograph will provide a visual illustration of the candidate variety which supplements the information provided in the Technical Questionnaire.

The key points to consider when taking a photograph of the candidate variety are:

- Indication of the date and geographic location
- Correct labeling (breeder's reference)
- Good quality printed photograph (minimum 10 cm x 15 cm) and/or sufficient resolution electronic format version (minimum 960 x 1280 pixels)"

Further guidance on providing photographs with the Technical Questionnaire is available in document TGP/7 "Development of Test Guidelines", Guidance Note 35 (http://www.upov.int/tgp/en/).

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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 obtained?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

If the answer to (b) is yes, please attach a copy of the authorization.

9. 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. 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 [ ]

Please provide details for where you have indicated “yes”.

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10. I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this form is correct:

Applicant’s name

Signature Date

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