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GUIDELINES

FOR THE CONDUCT OF TESTS

FOR DISTINCTNESS, UNIFORMITY AND STABILITY

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Botanical name	English	French	German	Spanish
<i>Leucanthemum</i> Mill.			Margerite	

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 *Leucanthemum* Mill.

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.
- 2.3 The minimum quantity of plant material, to be supplied by the applicant, should be:
- 10 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 10 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 9 plants or parts of plants taken from each of 9 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 10 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: height (characteristic 1)
 - (b) Flower head: type (characteristic 11)
 - (c) Only varieties with flower head: type: single or semi-double: disc
type (characteristic 12)
 - (d) Ray floret: type (characteristic 19)
 - (e) Ray floret: color (characteristic 23) with the following groups:
 - Gr. 1: white
 - Gr. 2: light yellow
 - Gr. 3: medium yellow
- 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)-(c) 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/MS/VG	(+)			
	Plant: height					
	very short					1
	very short to short				Luna	2
	short					3
	short to medium					4
	medium				REGLO	5
	medium to tall					6
	tall				Becky	7
	tall to very tall					8
	very tall					9
2.	QN	VG	(+)			
	Plant: density					
	very sparse					1
	sparse					2
	medium					3
	dense					4
	very dense					5
3.	QN	MG/MS/VG	(a)			
	Leaf: length					
	very short					1
	very short to short					2
	short					3
	short to medium					4
	medium					5
	medium to long					6
	long					7
	long to very long					8
	very long					9

	English		français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
4.	QN	MG/MS/VG	(a)				
	Leaf: width						
	very narrow						1
	very narrow to narrow						2
	narrow						3
	narrow to medium						4
	medium						5
	medium to broad						6
	broad						7
	broad to very broad						8
	very broad						9
5. (*)	QN	MG/MS/VG	(a)				
	Leaf: length/width ratio						
	very low						1
	very low to low						2
	low						3
	low to medium						4
	medium						5
	medium to high						6
	high						7
	high to very high						8
	very high						9
6.	QN	VG	(+)	(a)			
	Leaf: intensity of green color						
	light						1
	medium						2
	dark						3
7.	QN	VG	(+)	(a)			
	Leaf: indentations of margin						
	very few						1
	few					Luna	2
	medium						3
	many					Real Sunbeam	4
	very many						5

	English		français		deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
8.	QN	VG	(+)	(a)				
	Leaf: depth of indentations of margin							
	very shallow							1
	shallow						Luna	2
	medium						Real Sunbeam	3
	deep							4
	very deep						REGLO	5
9.	QN	MG/VG	(+)					
	Peduncle: length							
	very short							1
	very short to short							2
	short							3
	short to medium							4
	medium							5
	medium to long							6
	long							7
	long to very long							8
	very long							9
10. (*)	PQ	VG	(+)					
	Flower bud: color							
	RHS colour chart (indicate reference number)							
11. (*)	PQ	VG	(+)	(b)				
	Flower head: type							
	single							1
	semi-double						Real Sunbeam, REGLO	2
	double						Luna	3
12. (*)	QL	VG	(+)	(b)				
	<u>Only varieties with flower head: type: single or semi-double: disc type</u>							
	daisy						Real Sunbeam	1
	anemone						REGLO	2

	English		français		deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
13. (*)	QN	MG/MS/VG	(+)	(b)				
	Flower head: diameter							
	very small							1
	very small to small							2
	small							3
	small to medium							4
	medium						Macaroon	5
	medium to large							6
	large						Real Sunbeam	7
	large to very large							8
	very large						REGLO	9
14.	QN	MG/MS/VG	(+)	(b)				
	Flower head: height							
	very short							1
	very short to short							2
	short						Real Dream	3
	short to medium							4
	medium						Real Sunbeam	5
	medium to tall							6
	tall						Macaroon	7
	tall to very tall							8
	very tall							9
15. (*)	QN	MG/MS/VG	(+)	(b)				
	<u>Only varieties with flower head: type: single or semi-double:</u> Flower head: disc diameter relative to flower head diameter							
	very small							1
	small						Macaroon	2
	medium						Real Sunbeam	3
	large						REGLO	4
	very large							5

	English		français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
16. (*)	QN	MG/MS/VG	(b)				
	Only varieties with flower head: type: single or semi- double: Flower head: ray floret number						
	very few						1
	very few to few						2
	few						3
	few to medium						4
	medium					REGLO	5
	medium to many						6
	many						7
	many to very many						8
	very many					Macaroon	9
17.	QN	VG	(b)				
	Only varieties with flower head: type: double: Ray floret: density						
	very sparse						1
	sparse						2
	medium						3
	dense					Luna	4
	very dense						5
18.	QN	VG	(+)	(b), (c)			
	Flower head: attitude of ray florets at origin						
	moderately ascending						1
	weakly ascending						2
	horizontal						3
	weakly descending						4
	moderately descending						5
19. (*)	PQ	VG	(+)	(b), (c)			
	Ray floret: type						
	divided						1
	ligulate						2
	spatulate						3

	English		français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
20. (*)	QN	MG/MS/VG	(b), (c)				
	Ray floret: length						
	very short						1
	very short to short						2
	short						3
	short to medium						4
	medium						5
	medium to long						6
	long						7
	long to very long						8
	very long						9
21. (*)	QN	MG/MS/VG	(b), (c)				
	<u>Only varieties with ray floret: type: ligulate or spatulate:</u> Ray floret: width						
	very narrow						1
	very narrow to narrow						2
	narrow						3
	narrow to medium						4
	medium						5
	medium to broad						6
	broad						7
	broad to very broad						8
	very broad						9
22. (*)	QN	MG/MS/VG	(b), (c)				
	<u>Only varieties with ray floret: type: ligulate or spatulate:</u> Ray floret: length/width ratio						
	very low						1
	very low to low						2
	low						3
	low to medium						4
	medium						5
	medium to high						6
	high						7
	high to very high						8
	very high						9

	English		français		deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
23. (*)	PQ	VG	(+)	(b), (c)				
	Ray floret: color							
	RHS colour chart (indicate reference number)							
24.	PQ	VG		(b), (c)				
	Ray floret: color of tip if different							
	RHS colour chart (indicate reference number)							
25. (*)	PQ	VG		(b), (c)				
	Ray floret: longitudinal axis							
	incurving							1
	straight							2
	reflexing							3
	twisted							4
26.	QN	VG	(+)	(b), (c)				
	Ray floret: degree of curvature							
	very weak							1
	weak							2
	medium							3
	strong							4
	very strong							5
27. (*)	PQ	VG	(+)	(b), (c)				
	Only varieties with ray floret: type: ligulate or spatulate: Ray floret: shape of apex							
	acute							1
	rounded							2
	truncate							3

	English		français		deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
28. (*)	QN	VG	(+)	(b), (c)				
	Ray floret: depth of indentations of tip							
	absent or very shallow							1
	shallow							2
	medium							3
	deep							4
	very deep							5
29.	PQ	VG	(+)	(b)				
	<u>Only varieties with flower head: type: single or semi-double: Disc: color before anthesis</u>							
	green							1
	yellow green							2
	yellow							3
	yellow orange							4
30. (*)	PQ	VG	(+)	(b)				
	<u>Only varieties with flower head: type: single or semi-double: Disc: color after anthesis</u>							
	white							1
	yellow							2
	yellow orange							3
	orange							4
31.	QN	MG/MS/VG		(b)				
	<u>Only varieties with flower head: type: single or semi-double: Disc: number of ray florets within disc</u>							
	absent or very few							1
	medium							2
	very many							3

	English		français		deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
32.	QN	MG/MS/VG	(+)	(b)				
	<u>Only varieties with flower head: disc type: anemone: Disc floret: length</u>							
	very short							1
	short							2
	medium							3
	long							4
	very long							5

8. Explanations on the Table of Characteristics

8.1 *Explanations covering several characteristics*

All characteristics should be observed at the time of full flowering.

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

- (a) Observations should be made on fully developed leaves from the middle third of the stem.
- (b) Observations should be made on fresh, fully open flowers and in the case of single and semi-double flower head types 2 or 3 rows of anthers should have dehisced.
- (c) Observations should be made on ray florets from the outer rows.

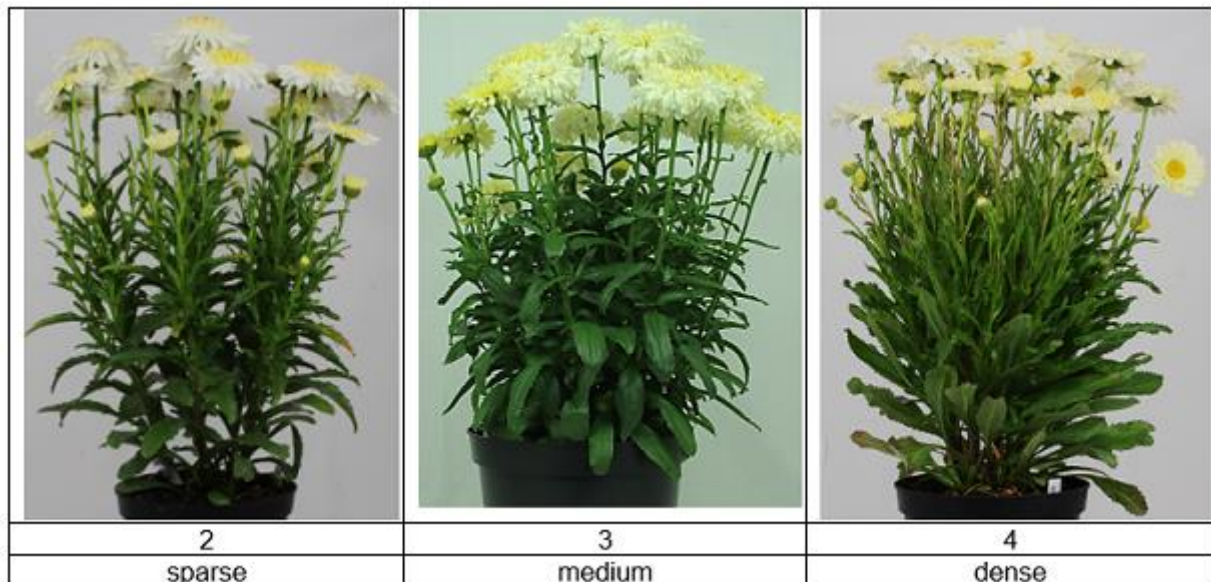
8.2 *Explanations for individual characteristics*

Ad. 1: Plant: height

Observation should be made from the surface of the growing media to the highest point of the plant.

Ad. 2: Plant: density

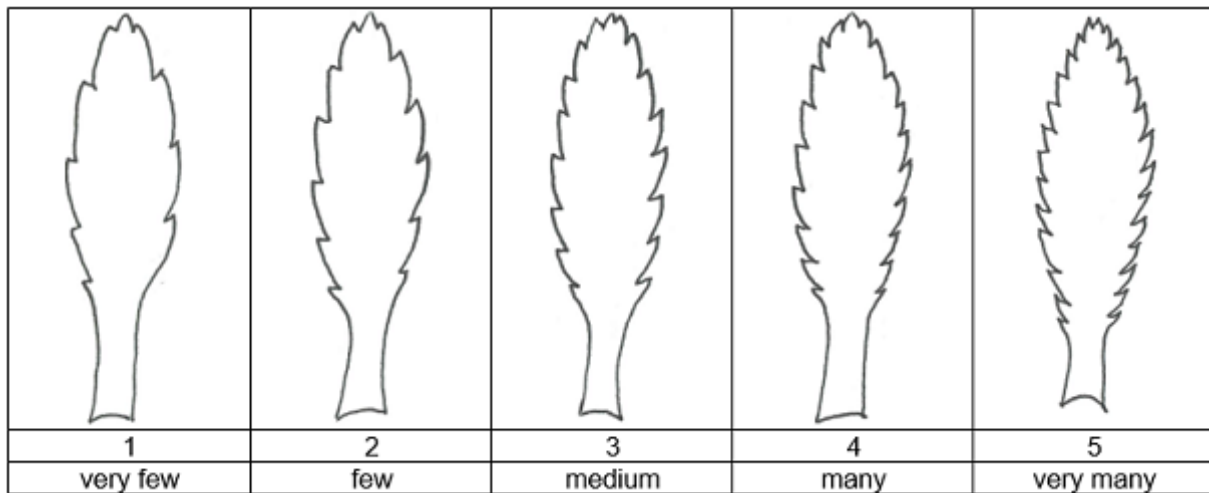
The observation of the density of the plant is based on the general impression, taking into account the stems, leaves and flowers.



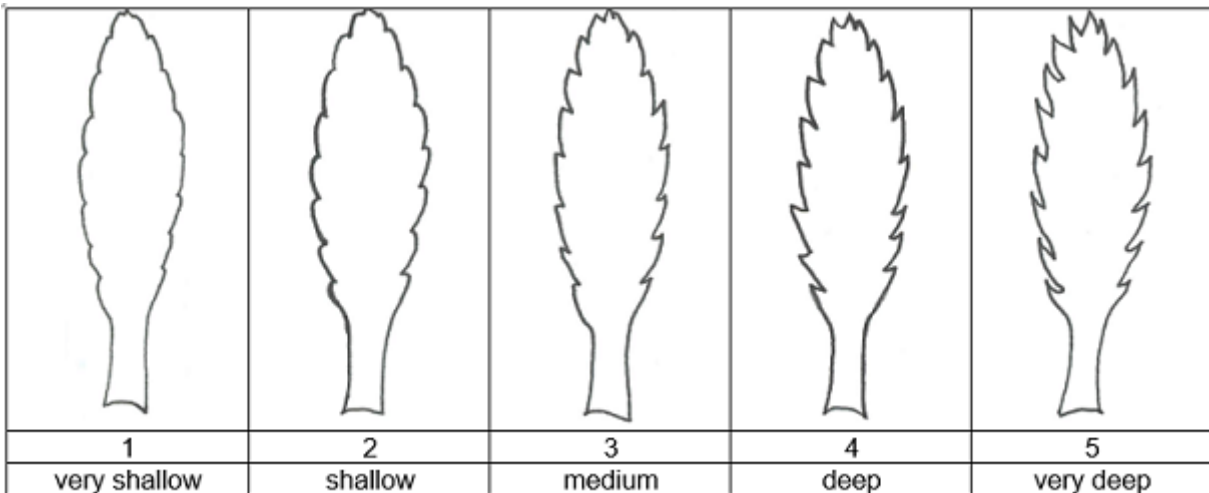
Ad. 6: Leaf: intensity of green color

Observations should be made on the upper surface.

Ad. 7: Leaf: indentations of margin



Ad. 8: Leaf: depth of indentations of margin



Ad. 9: Peduncle: length



Ad. 10: Flower bud: color

Observations should be made on the outer side of the ray florets just before the bud opens.

Ad. 11: Flower head: type

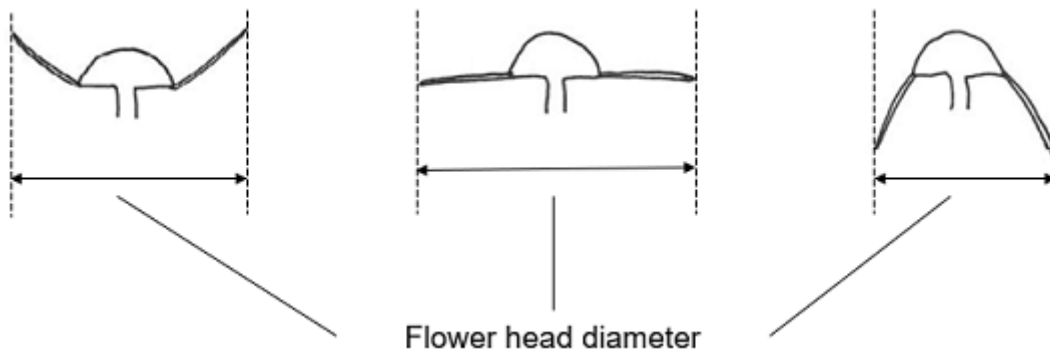
A single flower head has less than 2 full rows of ray florets, a semi-double flower head has 2 or more rows of ray florets and a clearly defined disc, a double flower head has many rows of ray florets and the disc florets are not clearly defined into a disc or not visible.



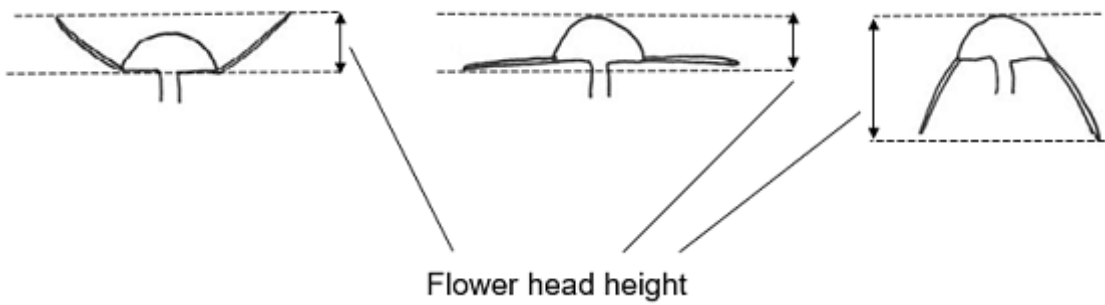
Ad. 12: Only varieties with flower head: type: single or semi-double: disc type



Ad. 13: Flower head: diameter

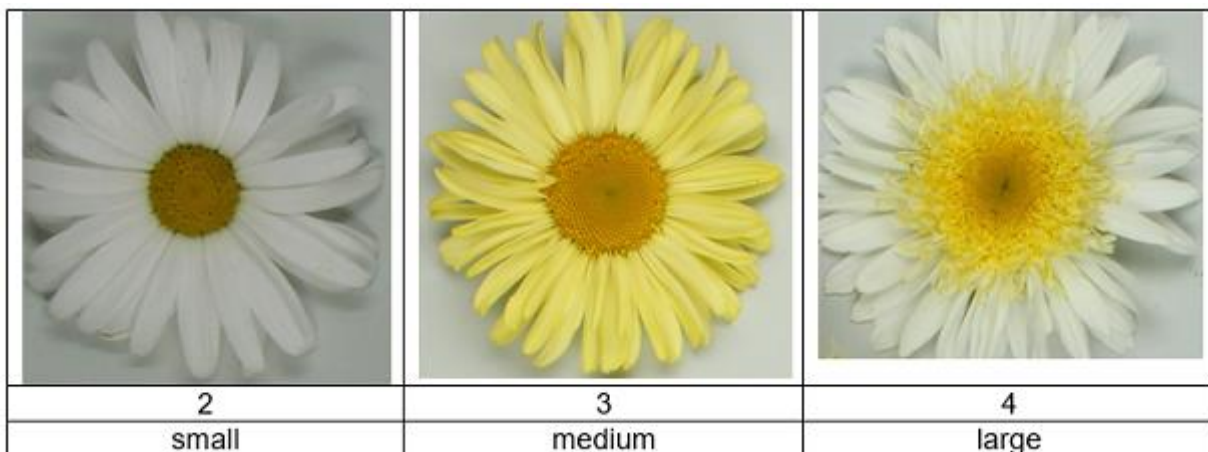


Ad. 14: Flower head: height

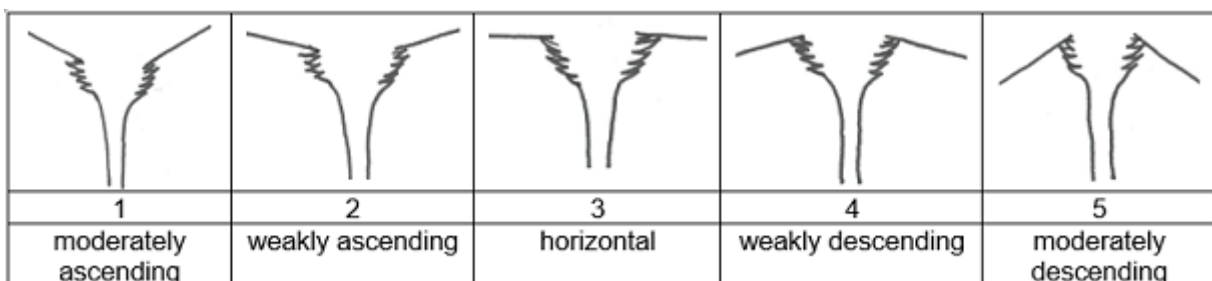


Ad. 15: Only varieties with flower head: type: single or semi-double: Flower head: disc diameter relative to flower head diameter

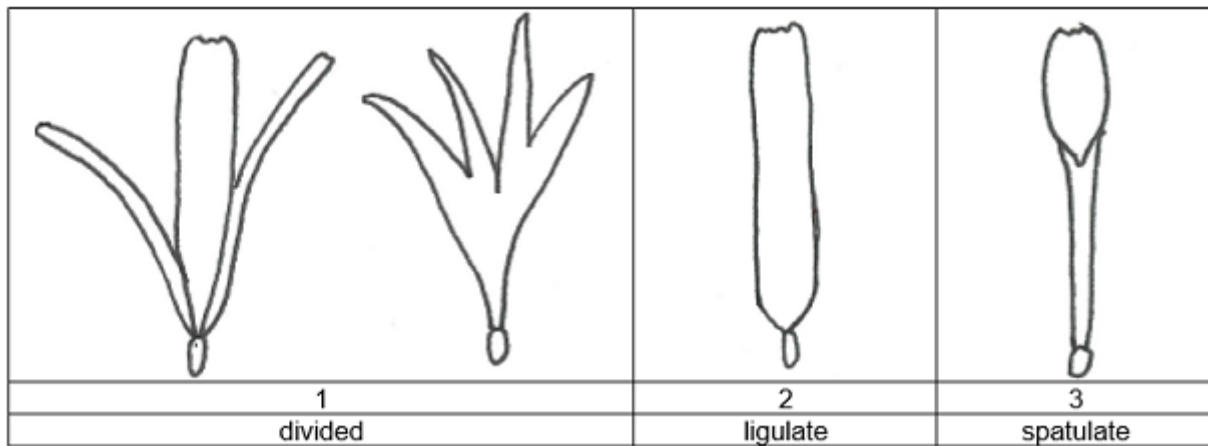
Observations should be made excluding any extra ray florets that are present in the disc.



Ad. 18: Flower head: attitude of ray florets at origin



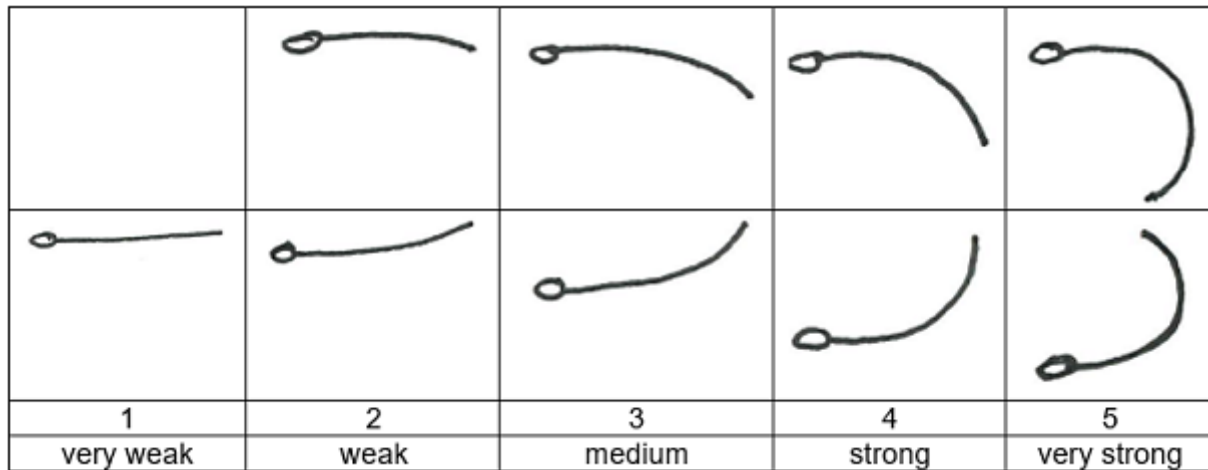
Ad. 19: Ray floret: type



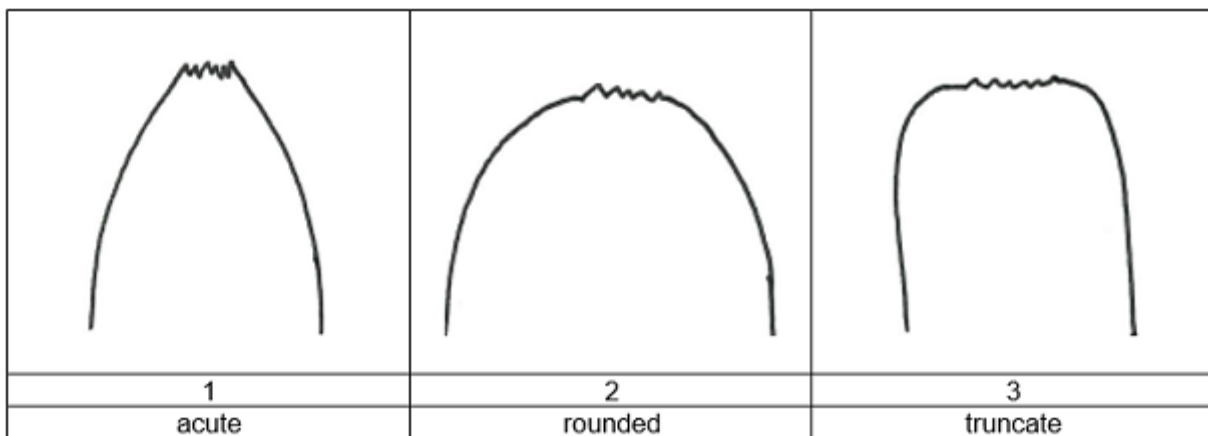
Ad. 23: Ray floret: color

Observations should be made on the upper surface.






Ad. 26: Ray floret: degree of curvature



Ad. 27: Only varieties with ray floret: type: ligulate or spatulate: Ray floret: shape of apex



Ad. 28: Ray floret: depth of indentations of tip

				
1	2	3	4	5
absent or very shallow	shallow	medium	deep	very deep

Ad. 29: Only varieties with flower head: type: single or semi-double: Disc: color before anthesis

Observations should be made on the part of the disc that has not started to dehisce.

Ad. 30: Only varieties with flower head: type: single or semi-double: Disc: color after anthesis

Observations should be made on the part of the disc where anthers have started to dehisce.

Ad. 32: Only varieties with flower head: disc type: anemone: Disc floret: length

Observations should be made on the florets in the outer 2 or 3 rows of the disc.

9. Literature

Brickell, C. 2016: The Royal Horticultural Society A - Z Encyclopedia of Garden Plants. Dorling Kindersley, London, United Kingdom, pp. 616 to 617.

10. Technical Questionnaire

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	Application date: (not to be filled in by the applicant)
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1. Subject of the Technical Questionnaire	
1.1 Botanical name	<input type="text" value="Leucanthemum Mill."/>
1.2 Common name	<input type="text"/>
2. Applicant	
Name	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>
Telephone No.	<input type="text"/>
Fax No.	<input type="text"/>
E-mail address	<input type="text"/>
Breeder (if different from applicant)	<input type="text"/>
3. Proposed denomination and breeder's reference	
Proposed denomination (if available)	<input type="text"/>
Breeder's reference	<input type="text"/>

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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 Seed-propagated varieties

4.2.2 Vegetative propagation

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| (a) | Cuttings | [] |
| (b) | <i>In vitro</i> propagation | [] |
| (c) | Division | [] |
| (d) | Other (state method) | [] |

4.2.3 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 Plant: height (1)		
very short		1 []
very short to short	Luna	2 []
short		3 []
short to medium		4 []
medium	REGLO	5 []
medium to tall		6 []
tall	Becky	7 []
tall to very tall		8 []
very tall		9 []
5.2 Flower head: type (11)		
single		1 []
semi-double	Real Sunbeam, REGLO	2 []
double	Luna	3 []
5.3 <u>Only varieties with flower head: type: single or semi-double: disc type</u> (12)		
daisy	Real Sunbeam	1 []
anemone	REGLO	2 []
5.4 Ray floret: type (19)		
divided		1 []
ligulate		2 []
spatulate		3 []
5.5(i) Ray floret: color (23)		
RHS colour chart (indicate reference number)		
5.5(ii) Ray floret: color (23)		
white	REGLO	1 []
light yellow	Macaroon	2 []
medium yellow	Real Sunbeam	3 []
other (please specify)		[]

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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
<i>Example</i>	<i>Plant: height</i>	<i>short</i>	<i>medium</i>
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/>).

[The link provided may be deleted by members of the Union when developing authorities' own test guidelines.]

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<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>																		
<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> <table border="0"><tr><td>(a)</td><td>Microorganisms (e.g. virus, bacteria, phytoplasma)</td><td>Yes []</td><td>No []</td></tr><tr><td>(b)</td><td>Chemical treatment (e.g. growth retardant, pesticide)</td><td>Yes []</td><td>No []</td></tr><tr><td>(c)</td><td>Tissue culture</td><td>Yes []</td><td>No []</td></tr><tr><td>(d)</td><td>Other factors</td><td>Yes []</td><td>No []</td></tr></table> <p>Please provide details for where you have indicated "yes".</p> <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 []
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<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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