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Matters to be resolved concerning Test Guidelines put forward for adoption by the Technical Committee: Lavandula/Lavender

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 The Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO), at its fifty-fifth session[[1]](#footnote-2), considered the draft Test Guidelines for Lavandula, Lavender (*Lavandula* L.) on the basis of document TG/194/2(proj.4) and agreed that the draft Test Guidelines for Lavandula, Lavender be submitted to the Technical Committee (TC) for adoption at its fifty-ninth session, held in Geneva on October 23 and 24, 2023 (see document TWO/55/11 “*Report*”, paragraphs 46 and 52).

 On request by the Leading Expert, Ms. Laetitia Denecheau (European Union), and in agreement with the TWO Chairperson, Ms. Hilary Papworth (United Kingdom), the TWO is invited to re-consider the following items of the draft Test Guidelines for Lavandula, Lavender, before it is submitted to the TC for adoption at its sixtieth session, to be held on October 21 and 22, 2024:

1. Characteristic 12 “Leaf: incisions of margin”
2. Characteristic 26 “Only varieties with Plant type: without infertile bracts: Spike: ratio length from second whorl / number of whorls”

## Characteristic 12 “Leaf: incisions of margin”

* Proposal to rename the characteristic: “Leaf: type”

-with 3 states of expressions, 1 entire // 2 incised // 3 divided

-to keep the same example varieties

-to add the explanation (+)

* Proposal to move the characteristic ahead in the table of characteristics, at the beginning of the leaf characteristics (just after the characteristic Plant: density)

*Current wording:*

|  |  | English | français | deutsch | español | Example Varieties/Exemples/Beispielssorten/Variedades ejemplo | Note/Nota |
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| **12.** | **(\*)** | **QN** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(a)** |  |
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| **Leaf: incisions of margin** |

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|  |  | absent or shallow |  |  |  | Felice pink (1), Purpleberry Ruffles (9) | 1 |
|  |  | medium |  |  |  | Meerlo (1), Pure Harmony (9) | 2 |
|  |  | deep |  |  |  |  | 3 |

*Proposed new wording:*

|  |  | English | français | deutsch | español | Example Varieties/Exemples/Beispielssorten/Variedades ejemplo | Note/Nota |
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| **12.** | **(\*)** | **QN** | **VG** | **(+)** | **(a)** |  |
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| **~~Leaf: incisions of margin~~****Leaf: type** |

 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | ~~absent or shallow~~entire |  |  |  | Felice pink (1), Purpleberry Ruffles (9) | 1 |
|  |  | ~~medium~~incised |  |  |  | Meerlo (1), Pure Harmony (9) | 2 |
|  |  | ~~deep~~divided |  |  |  |  | 3 |

Ad. 12: Leaf: type



 entire incised divided

Characteristic 26 “Only varieties with Plant type: without infertile bracts: Spike: ratio length from second whorl / number of whorls”

* Proposal to rename the characteristic: “Only varieties with Plant type: without infertile bracts: Spike: density.”

-with 9 states of expression: 1-very sparse to 9-very dense

-to add VG

-to keep the same characteristic number in the table of characteristics

-with the examples varieties as listed below

-with the explanation (+)

*Current wording:*

|  |  | English | français | deutsch | español | Example Varieties/Exemples/Beispielssorten/Variedades ejemplo | Note/Nota |
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| **26.** | **(\*)** | **QN** | **MG/MS** | **(+)** | **(b)** |  |
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| **Only varieties with Plant type: without infertile bracts: Spike: ratio length from second whorl / number of whorls** |

 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | very low |  |  |  | KLELV16122 (1) | 1 |
|  |  | very low to low |  |  |  |  | 2 |
|  |  | low |  |  |  | LAAZ0008 (1) | 3 |
|  |  | low to medium |  |  |  | BKLVDVABL (1) | 4 |
|  |  | medium |  |  |  | Niko (1) | 5 |
|  |  | medium to high |  |  |  | Meerlo (1) | 6 |
|  |  | high |  |  |  | Ostinato (1) | 7 |
|  |  | high to very high |  |  |  |  | 8 |
|  |  | very high |  |  |  |  | 9 |

*Proposed new wording:*

|  |  | English | français | deutsch | español | Example Varieties/Exemples/Beispielssorten/Variedades ejemplo | Note/Nota |
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| **26.** | **(\*)** | **QN** | **MG/MS/VG** | **(+)** | **(b)** |  |
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| **Only varieties with Plant type: without infertile bracts: Spike: ~~ratio length from second whorl / number of whorls~~****density** |

 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | ~~very low~~very sparse |  |  |  | ~~KLELV16122 (1)~~ | 1 |
|  |  | ~~very low to low~~very sparse to sparse |  |  |  |  | 2 |
|  |  | ~~low~~sparse |  |  |  | ~~LAAZ0008 (1)~~Ostinato (1) | 3 |
|  |  | ~~low to medium~~sparse to medium |  |  |  | ~~BKLVDVABL (1)~~Meerlo (1) | 4 |
|  |  | medium |  |  |  | Niko (1) | 5 |
|  |  | ~~medium to high~~medium to dense |  |  |  | ~~Meerlo (1)~~BKLVDVABL (1) | 6 |
|  |  | ~~high~~dense |  |  |  | LAAZ0008 (1) | 7 |
|  |  | ~~high to very high~~dense to very dense |  |  |  |  | 8 |
|  |  | ~~very high~~very dense |  |  |  | KLELV16122 (1) | 9 |

Ad. 26: Only varieties with Plant type: without infertile bracts: Spike: density

Observations should exclude the distance between the first and second whorls.

The density is the length of the spike from the second whorl divided by the number of whorls.

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| A close up of a plant  Description automatically generated | A close-up of a flower  Description automatically generated | A purple flower on a stem  Description automatically generated |
| 1 | 5 | 9 |
| very sparse | medium | very dense |

(all pictures show the first whorl)

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1. TWO, fifty-fifth session, organized by electronic means, from June 12 to 16, 2023 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)