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GUIDELINES

FOR THE CONDUCT OF TESTS

FOR DISTINCTNESS, UNIFORMITY AND STABILITY

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<i>Matricaria recutita</i> L.	Chamomile	Camomile	Kamille	Manzanilla

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 *Matricaria recutita* L.

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 seed.

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

10 g

The seed should meet the minimum requirements for germination, species and analytical purity, health and moisture content, specified by the competent authority. In cases where the seed is to be stored, the germination capacity should be as high as possible and should be stated by the applicant.

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*

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*

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.

The recommended method of observing the characteristics 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

3.4 *Test Design*

3.4.1 Each test should be designed to result in a total of at least 200 plants, which should be divided between two or more replicates.

CZ: test is grown in row plots and as single spaced plants; measurement of single spaced plants

D: test is grown as single spaced plants only

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 40 plants or parts taken from each of 40 plants and any other observations made on all plants in the test.

D: to propose 60 plants to be examined

3.6 *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.

4.2 *Uniformity*

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:

4.2.1 *Cross-pollinated varieties*

The assessment of uniformity should be according to the recommendations for cross-pollinated varieties in the General Introduction.

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 seed stock to ensure that it exhibits the same characteristics as those shown by the previous 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 has been agreed as a useful grouping characteristic:

Ploidy (characteristic 1)

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

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*

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

PQ: Pseudo-qualitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3

MG: single measurement of a group of plants or part of plants – see Chapter 3.3.1

MS: measurement of a number of individual plants or part of plants – see Chapter 3.3.1

- VG: visual assessment by a single observation of a group of plants or part of plants – see Chapter 3.3.1
- VS: visual assessment by observation of individual plants or part of plants – see Chapter 3.3.1
- (a)-(c) See Explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter 8.1
- (+) See Explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter 8.2

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

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
1. MG Ploidy (*)		Ploïdie	Ploidie			
QL	diploid	diploïde	diploid		Degumill Camoflora	2
	tetraploid	tetraploïde	tetraploid		Manzana	4

**D: to propose to insert "Plant: attitude of lower side shoots"; 1 = erect, 3 = semi-erect; 5 = prostrate
 example variety 3 = Mabamille**

2. MS (*) underli ned means a change compar ed to the previou s draft	Plant: height	Plante: hauteur	Pflanze: Höhe	Planta: altura		
QN (a)	short	basse	niedrig	baja	Manzana add.	3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Novbona, Mabamille add.	5
	tall	haute	hoch	alta	Lasyr	7

3. MS (*)	Plant: height of flowering level (at level with about 80% of flowers)	Plante: hauteur du niveau florale (au niveau avec environ 80 % des fleurs)	Pflanze: Höhe der Blütenzone (Zone in der sich etwa 80 % der Blütenköpfe befinden)	Planta: altura		
QN (a)	low	bas	niedrig	baja	Degumill	3
	medium	moyen	mittel	media	Lasyr, Margaritar	5
	high	haut	hoch	alta	Lasyr (add.)	7

D: proposal to delete char. 3.

4. VG	Plant: density of foliage	Plante: densité du feuillage	Pflanze: Dichte des Laubes	Planta: densidad del follaje		
QN (c)	loose	lâche	locker	laxa	Bona, Degumill	3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Bona	5
	dense	dense	dicht	densa	Bodegold, Lasyr, Margaritar	7

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota	
5.	VG	Stem: anthocyanin coloration	Tige: pigmentation anthocyanique	Stängel: Anthocyanfärbung	Tallo: pigmentación antociánica		
QN	(b)	absent or very weak	absente ou très faible	fehlend oder sehr gering	ausente o muy débil	4	
		weak	faible	gering	débil	Bodegold, Margaritar	3
		medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Bona, Degumill Novbona (add.)	5
		strong	forte	stark	fuerte		7
		very strong	très forte	sehr stark	muy fuerte		9
6.	VG	Leaf: intensity of green color	Feuille: intensité de la couleur verte	Blatt: Intensität der Grünfärbung	Hoja: intensidad del color verde		
QN	(b)	light	claire	hell	claro	1	
		medium	moyenne	mittel	medio		2
		dark	foncée	dunkel	oscuro		3
D: to change into PQ "Leaf: green color" 1 = light green, 2 = medium green; 3 = dark green; 4 = grey green; example varieties 2 = Robumille, 3 = Camoflora							
7.	VG	Leaf: division	Feuille: division	Blatt: Fiederung	Hoja: división		
QN	(c)	fine	fine	fein	fina	3	
		medium	moyenne	mittel	mediana	Robumille (add.)	5
		coarse	grossière	grob	grosera		7
8.	MS	Flower head: diameter	Capitule: diamètre	Blütenkopf: Durchmesser			
QN	(a)	small	petit	klein	pequeño	Bona, Degumill	3
		medium	moyen	mittel	medio	Bodegold, Camoflora (add.)	5
		large	grand	groß	grande	Lasyr, Margaritar	7
9.	VG	Ray floret: shape of apex	Fleur ligulée: forme du sommet	Zungenblüte: Form der Spitze			
(+) new							
QL	(a)	rounded	arrondi	rundlich		1	
		crenate		gekerbt		2	

D: to place char. 9 after char. 11

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
10. MS (*)	Flower head: diameter of disc	Capitule: diamètre du disque	Blütenkopf: Durchmesser der Scheibe			
QN	(a) small	petit	klein	pequeño	Bodegold, Bona, Degumill	3
	medium	moyen	mittel	medio	Robumille (add.)	5
	large	grand	groß	grande	Lasyr, Margaritar	7
11. VG (+) new	Flower head: curvature of disc	Capitule: courbure du disque	Blütenkopf: Wölbung der Scheibe			
PQ	(a) weakly convex		schwach konvex			1
	moderately convex		mäßig konvex			2
	strongly convex		stark konvex			3
D: to change the expressions into "weak – medium – strong" –and delete convex						
12. MG (*) (+)	Time of beginning of flowering	Époque de début de floraison	Zeitpunkt des Blühbeginns	Época de comienzo de la floración		
QN	(b) early	précoce	früh	temprana	Camoflora add.	3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Manzana	5
	late	tardive	spät	tardía	Zloty Lan add.	7
13. MG (*)	Time of full flowering	Époque de pleine floraison	Zeitpunkt der Vollblüte	Época de comienzo		
QN	(c) early	précoce	früh	temprana	Bona (add.)	3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Manzana	5
	late	tardive	spät	tardía	Bodegold	7
D: to add a (+), to delete (c)						
14. MG (+)	Flower head: content of essential oil	Capitule: teneur en huile essentielle	Blütenkopf: Gehalt an ätherischem Öl			
QN	(a) low	faible	niedrig			3
	medium	moyenne	mittel		Robumille add.	5
	high	élevée	hoch		Soroksári 40 add.	7

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
15.	MG	Essential oil: content of chamazulene	Huile essentielle: teneur en chamazulène	Ätherisches Öl: Gehalt an Chamazulen		
(+)						
QN	(a)	low	faible	niedrig		3
		medium	moyenne	mittel	Novbona add.	5
		high	élevée	hoch	Mabamille add.	7
16.	MG	Essential oil: content of (-)-α-bisabolol	Huile essentielle: teneur en (-)-α-bisabolol	Ätherisches Öl: Gehalt an (-)-α-Bisabolol		
(+)						
QN	(a)	low	faible	niedrig	Promyk add.	3
		medium	moyenne	mittel		5
		high	élevée	hoch		7

8. Explanations on the Table of Characteristics

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) The observations should be made at the time of full flowering.
(See Ad. 13)
- b) The observations should be made at the time of beginning of flowering.
(See Ad. 12)
- c) The observations should be made at the flower bud stage.

8.2 *Explanations for individual characteristics*

Ad. 9: Ray floret: shape of apex

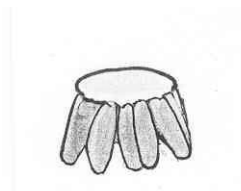


1
rounded

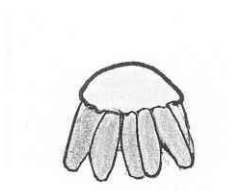


2
crenate

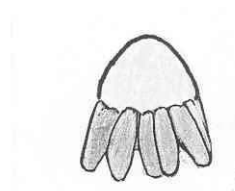
Ad. 11: Flower head: curvature of disc



1
weak



2
medium



3
strong

Ad. 12: Time of beginning of flowering

The evaluation should be done on individual plants. The individual plant should be regarded as having reached the stage of the beginning of flowering if ray flowers have developed in 5 flower heads of the plant. The time of beginning of flowering of a given variety should be regarded as being reached if 20 % of the individual plants have reached the stage of beginning of flowering.

D: wording to be checked (i.e. ray florets instead of ray flowers)

Ad. 13: Time of full flowering

The evaluation should be done on individual plants. The individual plant should be regarded as having reached the stage of full flowering when 40 to 70 % of the cylindrical flowers have opened in some 50 % of its flowers. The full flowering of a given variety has been reached if 80 % of the individual plants have reached the stage of full flowering.

D: wording to be checked

Ad. 14: Flower head: content of essential oil

The content of essential oil is determined by vapor distillation using 30 g of dried flowers, a 1000 ml round-bottomed flask, 300 ml of *water R* as distillation liquid and 0.50 ml of *Xylol R* as receiver. Distillation is carried out for 4 h at a speed of 3 to 4 ml per minute. Towards end of distillation the inflow of water to the cooling system has to be stopped, but the distillation to be continued until the blue, steam-volatile components have reached the lower end of the cooling system. Immediately the cooling system has to be started again to prevent a warming of the separating flask. After further 10 minutes the distillation is to be terminated.

D: wording to be checked

Ad. 15 + 16: Essential oil: content of chamazulene (15) and (-)- α -bisabolol (16)

The determination of chamazulene and (-)- α -bisabolol is obtained by gas chromatography.

Definition

Blue essential oil obtained by steam distillation from the fresh or dried flower heads or flowering tops of *Matricaria recutita* L. (*Chamomilla recutita* L. Rauschert). There are 2 types of matricaria oil which are characterised as rich in bisabolol oxides, or rich in (-)- α -bisabolol.

Characters

Appearance: clear, intensely blue, viscous liquid. It has an intense characteristic odour.

Tests

Chromatographic profile. Gas chromatography (2.2.28): use the normalisation procedure.

Test solution. Dissolve 20 μ l of the oil to be examined in *cyclohexane R* and dilute to 5.0 ml with the same solvent.

Reference solution. Dissolve 20 µl of (-)- α -bisabolol R, 5 mg of chamazulene R and 6 mg of guaiazulene R in cyclohexane R and dilute to 5.0 ml with the same solvent.

Column:

- *material:* fused silica,
- *size:* l = 30 m (a film thickness of 1 µm may be used) to 60 m (a film thickness of 0.2 µm may be used), Ø = 0.25-0.53 mm, when using a column longer than 30 m, an adjustment of the temperature programme may be necessary,
- *stationary phase:* macrogol 20 000 R.

Carrier gas: helium for chromatography R.

Flow rate: 1-2 ml/min.

Split ratio: 1:100

Temperature:

	Time (min)	Temperature (°C)
Column	0 - 40	70 → 230
	40 - 50	230
Injection port		250
Detector		250

Detection: flame ionisation.

Injection: 1.0 µl

Elution order: order indicated in the composition of the reference solution. Record the retention times of these substances.

Relative retention with reference to chamazulene (retention time = about 34.4 min):
 β -farnesene = about 0.5; bisabolol oxide B = about 0.8; bisabolone = about 0.87;
(-)- α -bisabolol = about 0.9; bisabolol oxide A = about 1.02.

System suitability: reference solution:

- *resolution:* minimum 1.5 between the peaks due to chamazulene and guaiazulene.

Using the retention times determined from the chromatogram obtained with the reference solution, locate (-)- α -bisabolol and chamazulene in the chromatogram obtained with the test solution; locate bisabolol oxides (bisabolol oxide B, bisabolone and bisabolol oxide A) using Figures 1836.-1 and 1836.-2 (disregard the peak due to cyclohexane). The chromatogram obtained with the test solution does not show a peak with the retention time of guaiazulene.

Determine the percentage content of the components. The limits are within the following ranges.

	Matricaria oil rich in bisabolol oxides (per cent)	Matricaria oil rich in (-) α -bisabolol (per cent)
Bisabolol oxides	29 - 81	
(-) α -bisabolol		10 - 65
Chamazulene	≥ 1.0	≥ 1.0
Total of bisabolol oxides and (-) α -bisabolol		≥ 20

Storage

In a well-filled, airtight container, protected from light at a temperature not exceeding 25°C.

9. Literature

European Pharmacopoeia, 5th edition, Supplement 5.1, Published in accordance with the Convention on the Elaboration of a European Pharmacopoeia (European Treaty Series No. 50), European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines

Schilcher, H., 1987: "Die Kamille, Handbuch für Apotheker, Ärzte und andere Naturwissenschaftler", Wissenschaftliche Verlagsgesellschaft mbH Stuttgart.

10. Technical Questionnaire

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE	Page {x} of {y}	Reference Number:
		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	<input type="text" value="Matricaria recutita L."/>	
1.2 Common name	<input type="text" value="CHAMOMILE"/>	
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"/>	

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE	Page {x} of {y}	Reference Number:
<p>#4. Information on the breeding scheme and propagation of the variety</p> <p>4.1 Breeding scheme</p> <p>Variety resulting from:</p> <p>4.1.1 Crossing</p> <p>(a) controlled cross [] (please state parent varieties)</p> <p>(b) partially known cross [] (please state known parent variety(ies))</p> <p>(c) unknown cross []</p> <p>4.1.2 Mutation [] (please state parent variety)</p> <p>4.1.3 Discovery and development [] (please state where and when discovered and how developed)</p> <p>4.1.4 Other []" (please provide details)</p>		

Authorities may allow certain of this information to be provided in a confidential section of the Technical Questionnaire.

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE	Page {x} of {y}	Reference Number:
<p>4.2 Method of propagating the variety</p>		
<p>4.2.1 Seed-propagated varieties</p>		

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE	Page {x} of {y}	Reference Number:	
<p>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).</p>			
Characteristics	Example Varieties	Note	
<p>5.1 Ploidy (2)</p>			
<p>diploid</p>	<p>Camoflora</p>	<p>2[]</p>	
<p>tetraploid</p>	<p>Manzana</p>	<p>4[]</p>	
<p>5.2 Plant: height (2)</p>			
<p>short</p>	<p>Manzana</p>	<p>3[]</p>	
<p>medium</p>	<p>Novbona, Mabamille</p>	<p>5[]</p>	
<p>tall</p>	<p>Lasyr</p>	<p>7[]</p>	
<p>5.3 Flower head: diameter (8)</p>			
<p>small</p>	<p>Bona</p>	<p>3[]</p>	
<p>medium</p>	<p>Bodegold, Camoflora</p>	<p>5[]</p>	
<p>large</p>	<p>Lasyr, Margaritar</p>	<p>7[]</p>	
<p>5.4 Time of beginning of flowering (12)</p>			
<p>small</p>	<p>Camoflora</p>	<p>3[]</p>	
<p>medium</p>	<p>Manzana</p>	<p>5[]</p>	
<p>large</p>	<p>Zloty Lan</p>	<p>7[]</p>	

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE	Page {x} of {y}	Reference Number:	
<p>6. Similar varieties and differences from these varieties</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>			
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>Flower head: diameter</i>	<i>small</i>	<i>medium to large</i>
<p>Comments:</p>			

TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE	Page {x} of {y}	Reference Number:
<p>#7. Additional information which may help in the examination of the variety</p> <p>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?</p> <p>Yes [] No []</p> <p>(If yes, please provide details)</p> <p>7.2 Are there any special conditions for growing the variety or conducting the examination?</p> <p>Yes [] No []</p> <p>(If yes, please provide details)</p> <p>7.3 Other information</p>		
<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>		

Authorities may allow certain of this information to be provided in a confidential section of the Technical Questionnaire.

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<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 data-bbox="284 801 1407 1064"><tr><td>(a) Microorganisms (e.g. virus, bacteria, phytoplasma)</td><td>Yes []</td><td>No []</td></tr><tr><td>(b) Chemical treatment (e.g. growth retardant, pesticide)</td><td>Yes []</td><td>No []</td></tr><tr><td>(c) Tissue culture</td><td>Yes []</td><td>No []</td></tr><tr><td>(d) 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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