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**GARDEN SORREL**

UPOV Code: RUMEX_ATS

*Rumex acetosa* L.

## GUIDELINES

## FOR THE CONDUCT OF TESTS

## FOR DISTINCTNESS, UNIFORMITY AND STABILITY

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*Alternative Names:*[*]

| *Botanical name* | *English* | *French* | *German* | *Spanish* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Rumex acetosa* L. | Dock, Garden Sorrel, Sorrel, Sour Dock | Grande oseille, Oseille commune | Wiesensauerampfer | Acedera común |

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 *Rumex acetosa* L. ~~of the family *Polygonaceae*~~.

## 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 of seed.

The seed should meet the minimum requirements for germination, species and analytical purity, health and moisture content, specified by the competent authority. In the 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*

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 Type of observation~~

~~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 60 plants, which should be divided between at least two ~~or more~~ replicates.

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 / Parts of Plants to be Examined

Unless otherwise indicated, all observations for the purposes of distinctness should be made on 60 plants or parts taken from each of 60 plants, 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 second column of 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 For the assessment of uniformity ~~on a row plot~~, a population standard of 2% and an acceptance probability of at least 95% should be applied. In the case of a sample size of 60 plants, 3 off-types are 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 ~~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~~ 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: attitude of rosette leaves (characteristic 1)
(b) Rosette leaf blade: length (including basal lobes) (characteristic 3)
(c) Plant: height (characteristic 10)
(d) Plant: time of full flowering (characteristic 20)
(e) Panicle: color (characteristic 23)

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 In the case of qualitative and pseudo-qualitative characteristics (see Chapter 6.3), all relevant states of expression are presented in the characteristic. However, in the case of quantitative characteristics with 5 or more states, an abbreviated scale may be used to minimize the size of the Table of Characteristics. For example, in the case of a quantitative characteristic with 9 states, the presentation of states of expression in the Test Guidelines may be abbreviated as follows:

| State | Note |
|---|---|
| small | 3 |
| medium | 5 |
| large | 7 |

However, it should be noted that all of the following 9 states of expression exist to describe varieties and should be used as appropriate:

| State | Note |
|---|---|
| very small | 1 |
| very small to small | 2 |
| small | 3 |
| small to medium | 4 |
| medium | 5 |
| medium to large | 6 |
| large | 7 |
| large to very large | 8 |
| very large | 9 |

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*

(*) 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, MS, VG, VS: – See Chapter ~~3.3.2~~ 4.1.5

(a), (b) 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. (*) (+)** | **VG** | **Plant: attitude of rosette leaves** | | | | | |
| **QN** | **(a)** | erect | | | | Atstek | 1 |
| | | semi erect | | | | Shirokolistiy | 3 |
| | | horizontal | | | | Odesckiy 17 | 5 |
| **2.** | **VG** | **Rosette leaves: intensity of green color** | | | | | |
| **QN** | **(a)** | light | | | | Atstek | 3 |
| | | medium | | | | Shirokolistiy | 5 |
| | | dark | | | | Odesckiy 17 | 7 |
| **3. (*) (+)** | **MS/ VG** | **Rosette leaf blade: length (including basal lobes)** | | | | | |
| **QN** | **(a)** | short | | | | Odesckiy 17 | 3 |
| | | medium | | | | Shirokolistiy | 5 |
| | | long | | | | Atstek | 7 |
| **4. (+)** | **MS/ VG** | **Rosette leaf blade: width (including basal lobes)** | | | | | |
| **QN** | **(a)** | narrow | | | | Odesckiy 17 | 3 |
| | | medium | | | | Atstek | 5 |
| | | broad | | | | Shirokolistiy | 7 |

| | | English | français | deutsch | español | Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo | Note/ Nota |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **5.** | **MS/ VG** | **Rosette leaf blade: ratio length / width (including basal lobes)** | | | | | |
| **QN** | **(a)** | small (moderately compressed) | | | | Shirokolistiy | 3 |
| | | medium | | | | Atstek | 5 |
| | | large (moderately elongated) | | | | Odesckiy 17 | 7 |
| **6.** **(+)** | **VG** | **Rosette leaf blade: shape (excluding basal lobes)** | | | | | |
| **PQ** | **(a)** | lanceolate | | | | Odesckiy 17 | 1 |
| | | elliptic | | | | Atstek | 2 |
| | | broad elliptic | | | | Shirokolistiy | 3 |
| **7.** **(+)** | **VS** | **Rosette leaf: shape of apex** | | | | | |
| **PQ** | **(a)** | acute | | | | Odesckiy 17 | 1 |
| | | obtuse | | | | Atstek | 2 |
| | | rounded | | | | Shirokolistiy | 3 |
| **8.** **(+)** | **VG** | **Rosette leaf: shape of base** | | | | | |
| **PQ** | **(a)** | truncate | | | | | 1 |
| | | condate | | | | Shirokolistiy | 2 |
| | | sagittate | | | | | 3 |
| | | hastate | | | | Odesckiy 17 | 4 |
| | | auriculate | | | | Atstek | 5 |

| | | English | français | deutsch | español | Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo | Note/ Nota |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **9.** **(+)** | **MS/ VG** | **Rosette leaf: length of petiole** | | | | | |
| **QN** | **(a)** | short | | | | Odesckiy 17 | 3 |
| | | medium | | | | Shirokolistiy | 5 |
| | | long | | | | Atstek | 7 |
| **10.** **(*)** **(+)** | **MS/ VG** | **Plant: height** | | | | | |
| **QN** | **(b)** | short | | | | Odesckiy 17 | 3 |
| | | medium | | | | Shirokolistiy | 5 |
| | | tall | | | | Atstek | 7 |
| **11.** **(+)** | **VG** | **Stem: shape in cross-section** | | | | | |
| **PQ** | **(b)** | elliptic | | | | Shirokolistiy | 1 |
| | | circular | | | | Atstek | 2 |
| | | oblong | | | | Odesckiy 17 | 3 |
| **12.** | **VS** | **Stem: pubescence** | | | | | |
| **QL** | **(b)** | absent | | | | Atstek, Odesckiy 17 | 1 |
| | | present | | | | Shirokolistiy | 9 |
| **13.** | **MS/ VG** | **Stem: number of internodes** | | | | | |
| **QN** | **(b)** | few | | | | Atstek | 3 |
| **(+)** | | medium | | | | Shirokolistiy | 5 |
| | | many | | | | Odesckiy 17 | 7 |

| | | English | français | deutsch | español | Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo | Note/ Nota |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **14.** | **VG** | **Stem: intensity of anthocyanin coloration** | | | | | |
| **QN** | **(b)** | absent or very weak | | | | | |
| | | weak | | | | Odesckiy 17 | 3 |
| | | medium | | | | Shirokolistiy | 5 |
| | | strong | | | | | 7 |
| **15.** **(+)** | **MS/ VG** | **Stem leaf: length of blade** | | | | | |
| **QN** | **(b)** | short | | | | Odesckiy 17 | 3 |
| | | medium | | | | Shirokolistiy | 5 |
| | | long | | | | Atstek | 7 |
| **16.** **(+)** | **MS/ VG** | **Stem leaf: width of blade** | | | | | |
| **QN** | **(b)** | narrow | | | | Odesckiy 17 | 3 |
| | | medium | | | | Atstek | 5 |
| | | broad | | | | Shirokolistiy | 7 |
| **17.** **(+)** | **MS/ VG** | **Stem leaf: ratio length / width of blade** | | | | | |
| **QN** | **(b)** | small (moderately compressed) | | | | Shirokolistiy | 3 |
| | | medium | | | | Atstek | 5 |
| | | large (moderately elongated) | | | | Odesckiy 17 | 7 |

| | | English | français | deutsch | español | Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo | Note/ Nota |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **18.** **(+)** | **MS/ VG** | **Stem leaf: length of petiole** | | | | | |
| **QN** | **(b)** | short | | | | Odesckiy 17 | 3 |
| | | medium | | | | Shirokolistiy | 5 |
| | | long | | | | Atstek | 7 |
| **19.** | **VG** | **Stem leaf: surface: rough** | | | | | |
| **QL** | **(b)** | absent | | | | Odesckiy 17 | 1 |
| | | present | | | | Atstek, Shirokolistiy | 9 |
| **20.** **(*)** **(+)** | **MG** | **Plant: time of full flowering** | | | | | |
| **QN** | **(b)** | early | | | | Odesckiy 17 | 3 |
| | | medium | | | | Atstek | 5 |
| | | late | | | | Shirokolistiy | 7 |
| **21.** | **MS/ VG** | **Plant: number of flowering stems** | | | | | |
| **QN** | **(b)** | few | | | | Odesckiy 17 | 3 |
| | | medium | | | | Atstek | 5 |
| | | many | | | | Shirokolistiy | 7 |
| **22.** **(+)** | **MS/ VG** | **Panicle: length (without petiole)** | | | | | |
| **QN** | **(b)** | short | | | | Odesckiy 17 | 3 |
| | | medium | | | | Shirokolistiy | 5 |
| | | long | | | | Atstek | 7 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **23. (*)** | **VG** | **Panicle: color** | | | | | |
| **PQ** | **(b)** | greenish pink | | | | Atstek | 1 |
| | | brown pink | | | | Odesckiy 17 | 2 |
| | | brown | | | | Shirokolistiy | 3 |
| **24.** (+) | **MS** | **Seeds: time of seed maturity** | | | | | |
| **QN** | **(b)** | early | | | | Odesckiy 17 | 3 |
| | | medium | | | | Atstek | 5 |
| | | late | | | | Shirokolistiy | 7 |

## 8. Explanations on the Table of Characteristics

### *8.1 Explanation covering several characteristics*

(a) Characteristic to be observed in the first year of growing

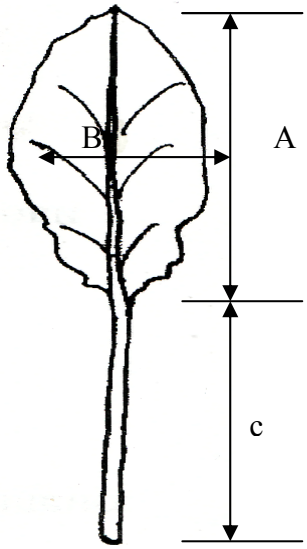
(b) Characteristic to be observed in the second year of growing

### *8.2 Explanations for individual characteristics*

Ad. 1: Plant: attitude of rosette leaves

| 1 | 3 | 5 |
|---|---|---|
| erect | semi erect | horizontal |

Ad. 3: Rosette leaf blade: length (including basal lobes) (a - length)
Ad. 4: Rosette leaf blade: width (including basal lobes) (*в* - width)
Ad. 9: Rosette leaf: length of petiole (c - length)



Ad. 6: Rosette leaf blade: shape (excluding basal lobes)

1
lanceolate

2
elliptic

3
broad elliptic

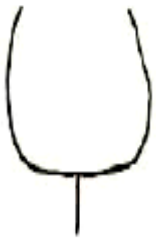
Ad. 7: Rosette leaf: shape of apex

1
acute

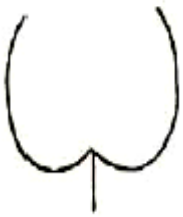
2
obtuse

3
rounded

Ad.8: Rosette leaf: shape of base



1
truncate



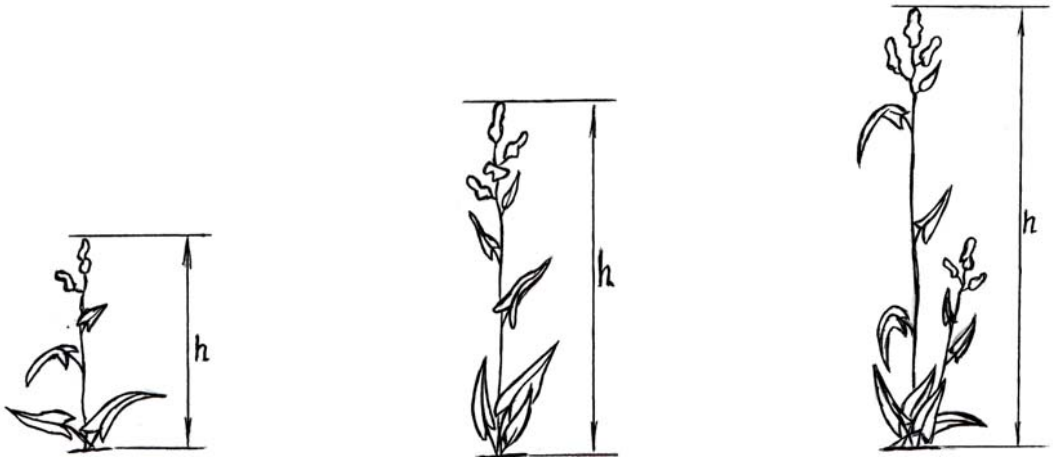
2
cordate

3
sagittate

4
hastate

5
auriculate

Ad. 10*:* Plant: height




3
short

5
medium

7
tall

Ad. 11. Stem: shape in cross-section

1
rectangular

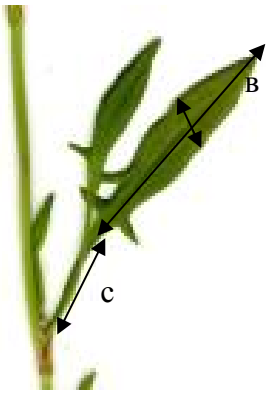
2
round-oval

3
round

Ad 13: Stem: number of internodes

This characteristic should be observed on the stem at time of full bloom of panicle. Minimum quantity of internodes can be 2 (note 3). Assessment of other expression should be carried out by comparing with example varieties and depends on stem length.

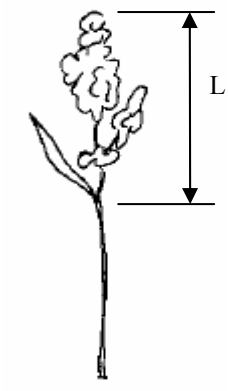
Ad. 15: Stem leaf: length of blade: B
Ad.16: Stem leaf: width of blade: A
Ad.17: Stem leaf: ratio length/ width of blade: B/A
Ad.18: Stem leaf: length of petiole: C



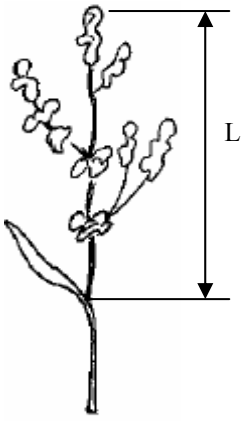

Ad.20: Plant: time of full floweing

The beginning of full flowering means that 75% of flowers are open.

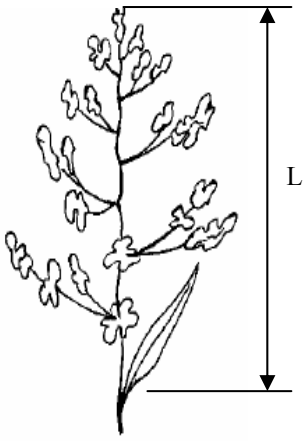
Ad. 22: Panicle: length (without petiole)




3
short




5
medium




7
long

Ad.24: Seeds: time of seed maturity

Full seed maturity means that 75% of panicles have brown colour.

## 9. Literature

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10. Technical Questionnaire

| TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE | Page {x} of {y} | Reference Number: |
|---|---|---|

| | Application date:<br>(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 | *Rumex acetosa* L. |
| 1.2 Common Name | Garden Sorrel |

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 varieties)

| (……..……..…) | 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)

[#] 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: |
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4.2 Method of propagating the variety

4.2.1 Seed-propagated varieties

(a) Self-pollination [ ]
(b) Cross-pollination
(i) population [ ]
(ii) synthetic variety [ ]
(c) Hybrid [ ]
(d) Other [ ]
(please provide details)

4.2.2 Vegetative propagation [ ]

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 Variety | Note |
|---|---|---|---|
| **5.1 (1)** | **Plant: attitude of rosette leaves** | | |
| | erect | Atstek | 1[ ] |
| | semi erect | Shirokolistiy | 2[ ] |
| | horizontal | Odesckiy 17 | 3[ ] |
| **5.2 (3)** | **Rosette leaf blade: length (including basal lobes)** | | |
| | very short | | 1[ ] |
| | very short to short | | 2[ ] |
| | short | Odesckiy 17 | 3[ ] |
| | short to medium | | 4[ ] |
| | medium | Shirokolistiy | 5[ ] |
| | medium to long | | 6[ ] |
| | long | Atstek | 7[ ] |
| | long to very long | | 8[ ] |
| | very long | | 9[ ] |
| **5.3 (10)** | **Plant: height** | | |
| | very short | | 1[ ] |
| | very short to short | | 2[ ] |
| | short | Odesckiy 17 | 3[ ] |
| | short to medium | | 4[ ] |
| | medium | Shirokolistiy | 5[ ] |
| | medium to tall | | 6[ ] |
| | tall | Atstek | 7[ ] |
| | tall to very tall | | 8[ ] |
| | very tall | | 9[ ] |

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| | Characteristics | Example Variety | Note |
|---|---|---|---|
| **5.4 (20)** | **Plant: time of full flowering** | | |
| | very early | | 1[ ] |
| | very early to early | | 2[ ] |
| | early | Odesckiy 17 | 3[ ] |
| | early to medium | | 4[ ] |
| | medium | Atstek | 5[ ] |
| | medium to late | | 6[ ] |
| | late | Shirokolistiy | 7[ ] |
| | late to very late | | 8[ ] |
| | very late | | 9[ ] |
| **55 (23)** | **Panicle: color** | | |
| | greenish pink | Atstek | 1[ ] |
| | brown-pink | Odesckiy 17 | 2[ ] |
| | brown | Shirokolistiy | 3[ ] |

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6. Similar varieties and differences from these varieties

*Please, use the table and space provided for comments below 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 | Plant height | medium | tall |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

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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

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.

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

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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 of 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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