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**MATTERS TO BE RESOLVED CONCERNING TEST GUIDELINES**  
**ADOPTED BY THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

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1. At its forty-sixth session held in Geneva from March 22 to 24, 2010, the Technical Committee (TC) agreed the adoption of the Test Guidelines for Asparagus on the basis of document TG/130/4(proj.3), subject to characteristic 9 “Spear: opening of bracts”, being completed and approved by the TWV by correspondence and the following editorial amendments:

8.1 (a)	to add “of spears”
Ad. 16	- to clarify the meaning of “(normal)” - to check whether to delete the final sentence of the second paragraph, unless plants are self-pollinated as a part of the DUS examination

2. With regard to characteristic 9, experts from France provided the following proposal:

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<b>9.</b>	<b>VG</b>	<b>Spear: opening of bracts</b>	
(+)			
<b>QN</b>		weakly open	3
		moderately open	5
		strongly open	7

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