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**PROPOSED PARTIAL REVISION OF THE TEST GUIDELINES FOR LETTUCE  
(DOCUMENT TG/13/10 REV.)**

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1. It is proposed to make a partial revision of the Test Guidelines for Lettuce (document TG/13/10 Rev.) in order to amend Characteristic 39. Resistance to downy mildew (*Bremia lactuca*) as follows:
  - (a) to revise the example varieties
  - (b) to provide a revised explanation for resistance to downy mildew according to the explanations for disease resistance characteristics in Test Guidelines, as set out in document TGP/12/2 Draft 2 "Guidance on Certain Physiological Characteristics", Section 2.4.
2. The Annex to this document contains the proposals as set out in paragraph 1 of this document.

[Annex follows]

## ANNEX

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		English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplos	Note/ Nota
39.	VG (+)	Resistance to downy mildew <i>(Bremia lactucae)</i>	Résistance au mildiou <i>(Bremia lactucae)</i>	Resistenz gegen Falschen Mehltau <i>(Bremia lactucae)</i>	Resistencia al mildiú <i>(Bremia lactucae)</i>		
	QL						
39.1	(b) (c)	Isolate BI:2	Isolat BI:2	Isolat BI:2	Aislado BI:2		
		absent	absente	fehlend	ausente	Cobham Green, Green Towers	1
		present	présente	vorhanden	presente	Ninja	9
39.2	(c)	Isolate BI:5	Isolat BI:5	Isolat BI:5	Aislado BI:5		
		absent	absente	fehlend	ausente	Cobham Green, Green Towers	1
		present	présente	vorhanden	presente	Sabine	9
39.3	(c)	Isolate BI:7	Isolat BI:7	Isolat BI:7	Aislado BI:7		
		absent	absente	fehlend	ausente	Cobham Green, Green Towers	1
		present	présente	vorhanden	presente	Valmaine	9
39.4	(c)	Isolate BI:12	Isolat BI:12	Isolat BI:12	Aislado BI:12		
		absent	absente	fehlend	ausente	Cobham Green, Green Towers	1
		present	présente	vorhanden	presente	Dandie, UCDm2	9
39.5	(c)	Isolate BI:14	Isolat BI:14	Isolat BI:14	Aislado BI:14		
		absent	absente	fehlend	ausente	Cobham Green, Green Towers	1
		present	présente	vorhanden	Presente	Colorado, Ninja	9
39.6	(c)	Isolate BI:15	Isolat BI:15	Isolat BI:15	Aislado BI:15		
		absent	absente	fehlend	ausente	Cobham Green, Green Towers,	1
		present	présente	vorhanden	presente	Colorado, Sabine	9
39.7 (*)	(c)	Isolate BI:16	Isolat BI:16	Isolat BI:16	Aislado BI:16		
		absent	absente	fehlend	ausente	Cobham Green, Green Towers	1
		present	présente	vorhanden	presente	Argelès, Ninja	9

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39.8	(c)	<b>Isolate BI:17</b>	<b>Isolat BI:17</b>	<b>Isolat BI:17</b>	<b>Aislado BI:17</b>		
		absent	absente	fehlend	ausente	<b>Cebham Green,</b> Green Towers	1
		present	présente	vorhanden	presente	Argelès, Ninja	9
39.9	(c)	<b>Isolate BI:18</b>	<b>Isolat BI:18</b>	<b>Isolat BI:18</b>	<b>Aislado BI:18</b>		
		absent	absente	fehlend	ausente	<b>Cebham Green,</b> Green Towers	1
		present	présente	vorhanden	presente	Argelès, Ninja	9
39.10	(c)	<b>Isolate BI:20</b>	<b>Isolat BI:20</b>	<b>Isolat BI:20</b>	<b>Aislado BI:20</b>		
		absent	absente	fehlend	ausente	<b>Cebham Green,</b> Green Towers	1
		present	présente	vorhanden	presente	Argelès, Ninja	9
39.11	(c)	<b>Isolate BI:21</b>	<b>Isolat BI:21</b>	<b>Isolat BI:21</b>	<b>Aislado BI:21</b>		
		absent	absente	fehlend	ausente	<b>Cebham Green,</b> Green Towers	1
		present	présente	vorhanden	presente	<b>Argelès Colorado, Ninja</b>	9
39.12	(c)	<b>Isolate BI:22</b>	<b>Isolat BI:22</b>	<b>Isolat BI:22</b>	<b>Aislado BI:22</b>		
		absent	absente	fehlend	ausente	<b>Cebham Green,</b> Green Towers	1
		present	présente	vorhanden	presente	Discovery, Ninja	9
39.13	(c)	<b>Isolate BI:23</b>	<b>Isolat BI:23</b>	<b>Isolat BI:23</b>	<b>Aislado BI:23</b>		
		absent	absente	fehlend	ausente	<b>Cebham Green,</b> Green Towers	1
		present	présente	vorhanden	presente	Colorado, Discovery, Ninja	9
39.14	(c)	<b>Isolate BI:24</b>	<b>Isolat BI:24</b>	<b>Isolat BI:24</b>	<b>Aislado BI:24</b>		
		absent	absente	fehlend	ausente	Argelès, Colorado	1
		present	présente	vorhanden	presente	Dandie, UC DM14, <u>PIVT 1309 NunDm15</u>	9
39.15	(c)	<b>Isolate BI:25</b>	<b>Isolat BI:25</b>	<b>Isolat BI:25</b>	<b>Aislado BI:25</b>		
		absent	absente	fehlend	ausente	Colorado, <u>Discovery,</u> <u>Pennlakke</u>	1
		present	présente	vorhanden	presente	Argelès, Ninja	9
39.16	(c)	<b>Isolate BI:26</b>	<b>Isolat BI:26</b>	<b>Isolat BI:26</b>	<b>Aislado BI:26</b>		
		absent	absente	fehlend	ausente	Colorado, Discovery	1
		present	présente	vorhanden	presente	Balesta, Bedford	9

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<b>39.17 (c) Isolate BI:27</b>	<b>Isolat BI:27</b>	<b>Isolat BI:27</b>	<b>Aislado BI:27</b>		
absent	absente	fehlend	ausente	Balesta, <u>Colorado</u> , <u>Green Towers</u>	<u>1</u>
present	présente	vorhanden	presente	Balesta, Bedford, Discovery	<u>9</u>

Ad 39. Resistance to *Bremia lactucae* (Bl)

* 1. Pathogen	<i>Bremia lactucae</i>
2. Quarantine status	-
* 3. Host species	<i>Lactuca sativa</i> L.
* 4. Source of inoculum	GEVES (France) or Naktuinbouw (The Netherlands)
* 5. Isolate	BI :1 – BI :27 (see table below)
6. Establishment isolate identity	Test on differentials
7. Establishment pathogenicity	Test on susceptible varieties
8. Multiplication inoculum	Lettuce leaf
8.1 Multiplication medium	Susceptible variety, for example Green Towers.
8.2 Multiplication variety	For higher races, a variety with defeated resistance may be preferable to keep the isolate fit.
8.3 Plant stage at inoculation	Cotyledon to first leaf
8.4 Inoculation medium	Tap water
8.5 Inoculation method	Spraying a spore suspension
8.6 Harvest of inoculum	Washing off from leaves
8.7 Check of harvested inoculum	Counting spores
8.8 Shelf life/viability inoculum	2 hours at room temperature; 2 days in fridge
9. Format of the test	
* 9.1 Number of plants per genotype	Normally 60, minimum 20
* 9.2 Number of replicates	-
* 9.3 Control varieties	(Informative) differentials
* 9.4 Test design	Include control varieties
9.5 Test facility	Climate room
9.6 Temperature	15°C-17°C
9.7 Light	Adequate for good plant growth; seedlings should not etiolate. Reduced light 24 hours after inoculation
9.8 Season	-
9.9 Special measures	Plants may grow on wet blotting paper with or without a nutrient solution, or on potting soil. High humidity (>90%) is essential for infection and sporulation.
10. Inoculation	
10.1 Preparation inoculum	Washing off from leaves by vigorous shaking in a closed container
10.2 Quantification inoculum	Counting spores ; spore density should be $3 \cdot 10^4$ - $1 \cdot 10^5$
*10.3 Plant stage at inoculation	Cotyledon stage
*10.4 Inoculation method	Spraying till run-off
10.5 First observation	Reduced light 24 hours after inoculation
10.6 Second observation	7 days after inoculation
*10.7 Final observations	10 days after inoculation
11. Observations	13 days after inoculation; two of these three time points may be sufficient. The day of maximum sporulation should occur in this period.
*11.1 Method	Visual observation of sporulation and necrotic reaction to infection
*11.2 Observation scale	+ 1. Abundant sporulation on both sides of the cotyledon (+) 2. Normal sporulation on the lower side of the cotyledon (+) 3. Normal sporulation on the lower side of the cotyledons combined with necrotic spots

- (-) 4. Sparse sporulation on the lower side of the cotyledons combined with necrosis
- (-) 5. Necrotic pinpoints
- 6. No symptoms

\*11.3 Validation of test

11.4 Off-types

\*12. Interpretation of data

on standards

Susceptible plants in a resistant variety

Resistant plants in a susceptible variety

3 or less off-types in 60 plants

Class 1, 2 and 3: susceptible

Class 4, 5 and 6: resistant

13. Critical control points:

Reaction of standards. The infection pressure may vary between experiments, leading to slight differences in sporulation intensity. When the reactions are not clear the experiment should be repeated.

For reference: The international Bremia evaluation board (IBEB) produces regular updates of the host differential reaction table. The most recent table is available through ISF at [www.worldseed.org](http://www.worldseed.org). The table for Bl:1-27 is given below. Some differentials and race names are printed in gray. These varieties and races are considered less important.

Isolates	Differentials	Green Towers	Lednický	UC DM2	Dandie	R4157D	Valmaine	Sabine	LSE 57/15	UC DM10	Capitan	Hilde II	Penitlaké	UC DM14	NunDim15	CGDm16	NunDim17	Colorado	Ninja	Discovery	Argelès	RYZ 2164	RYZ 910457	Bedford	Balesta	Bellissimo
Bl: 1		+		+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bl: 2		+		+	+	+	+	+	-	+	(-)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
Bl: 3		+		-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	(+)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bl: 4		+		+	+	-	+	+	(-)	-	(-)	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bl: 5		+		+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bl: 6		+		+	+	-	+	+	(-)	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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