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**GUIDELINES**

**FOR THE CONDUCT OF TESTS**

**FOR DISTINCTNESS, UNIFORMITY AND STABILITY**

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| *Botanical name* | *English* | *French* | *German* | *Spanish* |
| *Lagenaria siceraria* (Molina) Standl., *Lagenaria siceraria* Standley, *Lagenaria vulgaris* Ser. | Bottle Gourd, Calabash,  Calabash Gourd, White-flower Gourd | Calebasse,  Gourde bouteille | Flaschenfrucht, Flaschenkürbis, Gewöhnlicher Flaschenkürbis | Acocote, Cajombre, Calabaza,  Guiro amargo |

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| 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.

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# Subject of these Test Guidelines

These Test Guidelines apply to all varieties of *Lagenaria siceraria* (Molina) Standl..

# 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 seeds.

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

200g – 1,500 seeds.

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

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.

# 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.

### 3.4 Test Design

3.4.1 Each test should be designed to result in a total of at least 20 plants, which should be divided between at least 2 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.

# 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.

Further guidance is provided in documents TGP/9 “Examining Distinctness” and TGP/8 “Trial Design and Techniques Used in the Examination of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability.

### 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, for the purposes of distinctness, all observations on single plants should be made on 10 plants or parts taken from each of 10 plants and any other observations made on all plants in the test, 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 The assessment of uniformity for cross-pollinated varieties should be according to the recommendations for cross-pollinated varieties in the General Introduction.

4.2.3 The assessment of uniformity for hybrid varieties depends on the type of hybrid and should be according to the recommendations for hybrid varieties in the General Introduction.

4.2.4 The uniformity of a variety may be determined on the basis of off-types for some characteristics and standard deviations for other characteristics.

It can be assessed by considering the overall of variation, observed across all the individual plants, to determine whether it is similar to comparable varieties. In this approach, relative tolerance limits for the level of variation are set by comparison with comparable varieties, or types, already known (“standard deviations approach”). The standard deviations approach means that a candidate variety should not be significantly less uniform than the comparable varieties.

**For the assessment of uniformity of open-pollinated varieties, relative uniformity standards should be used.**

For the assessment of uniformity by counting of the number of off-types, a population standard of 2 % for cross-pollinated varieties and of 1 % for hybrid varieties with an acceptance probability of at least 95 % should be applied. In the case of a sample size of 20 plants, the maximum number of off-types allowed would be 1 for hybrid varieties whereas for cross-pollinated varieties it would be 2.

### 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 by testing a new seed stock to ensure that it exhibits the same characteristics as those shown by the initial material supplied.”

# 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:

1. Fruit: shape in longitudinal section ( characteristic 11)
2. Fruit: length (characteristic 12)
3. Fruit: diameter (characteristic 13)
4. Fruit: presence of neck (characteristic 14)
5. Fruit: length of neck in relation to the total length of the fruit (characteristic 16)
6. Fruit: texture of skin (characteristic 21)

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”.

# 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 4.1.5

(a)-(d) See Explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter 8.1

(+) See Explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter 8.2.

# Table of Characteristics/Tableau des caractères/Merkmalstabelle/Tabla de caracteres

|  |  | English | Français | Deutsch | español | Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo | Note/ Nota |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | VG/MS | Seedling: size of cotyledons |  |  |  |  |  |
| **QN** |  | small |  |  |  | Renshi | 1 |
|  |  | medium |  |  |  | Shimotsukeshiro | 2 |
|  |  | large |  |  |  | Omarukanpyo | 3 |
| (+) | VG/MG | Plant: length of main stem |  |  |  |  |  |
| **QN** | **(a)** | short |  |  |  | Koganeizairai | 3 |
|  |  | medium |  |  |  | Shimotsukeshiro | 5 |
|  |  | long |  |  |  | Aodainaga | 7 |
| 3. | ~~MS/~~VG | Leaf blade: size |  |  |  |  |  |
| **QN** | **(a)** | small |  |  |  | Koganeizairai | 3 |
|  |  | medium |  |  |  | Shimotsukeshiro | 5 |
|  |  | large |  |  |  | Sakigake | 7 |
| 4. | VG | Leaf blade: intensity of green color |  |  |  |  |  |
| **QN** | **(a)** | light |  |  |  | Indo | 3 |
|  |  | medium |  |  |  | Shimotsukeshiro | 5 |
|  |  | dark |  |  |  | Don-K | 7 |
| 5.   (+) | VG | Leaf blade: degree of lobing |  |  |  |  |  |
| QN | (a) | absent ~~or weak~~ |  |  |  | Gigantesque | 1 |
|  |  | weak ~~medium~~ |  |  |  | Pélerine | 2 |
|  |  | medium ~~strong~~ |  |  |  | Tarahumara Canteen 3 | 3 |
| 6. | ~~MS~~/VG | Male flower: diameter of corolla |  |  |  |  |  |
| **QN** | **(b)** | small |  |  |  | Mini Bottle | 3 |
|  |  | medium |  |  |  | Shimotsukeshiro | 5 |
|  |  | large |  |  |  | Massue Comestible | 7 |
| 7.   (+) | VG | Male flower: overlapping of petals |  |  |  |  |  |
| **QN** | **(b)** | free |  |  |  | Canon Ball, Missionaris | 1 |
|  |  | touching to slightly overlapping |  |  |  | Bouteille | 2 |
|  |  | strongly overlapping |  |  |  | FR Strong, Massue Comestible | 3 |
| **8**. | ~~MS~~/**/VG** | **Female flower: diameter of corolla** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **QN** | **(b)** | small |  |  |  | Bouteille, Missionaris | 3 |
|  |  | medium |  |  |  | Basket Ball Brasil, Shimotsukeshiro | 5 |
|  |  | large |  |  |  | Massue Comestible | 7 |
| **9**. **~~NEW (UA-2)~~**  **(+)** | **VG** | **Female flower: overlapping of petals** |  |  |  |  |  |
| QN | (b) | free |  |  |  | Canon Ball, Missionaris | 1 |
|  |  | touching to slightly overlapping |  |  |  | Basket Ball Brasil | 2 |
|  |  | strongly overlapping |  |  |  | Massue Comestible | 3 |
| 10.   (+) | VG | Young fruit: bitterness |  |  |  |  |  |
| QL |  | absent |  |  |  | Shimotsukeshiro | 1 |
|  |  | present |  |  |  | *to provide* | 9 |
| 11.   (\*) (+) | VG | Fruit: shape in longitudinal section |  |  |  |  |  |
| **PQ** | **(c)** | oblate | arrondie aplatie |  |  | Plate de Corse | 1 |
|  |  | circular | circulaire |  |  | Canon Ball | 2 |
|  |  | pyriform | en poire |  |  | Tarahumara canteen | 3 |
|  |  | clavate | en massue |  |  | Mayo Giant Bule | 4 |
|  |  | dipper shape | en forme de louche |  |  | Dipper Short Handled Mottled | 5 |
|  |  | gooseneck shape | en col de cygne |  |  | Kroochneck fr | 6 |
|  |  | rattle shape | en hochet |  |  | Medium Thai Bottle fr | 7 |
|  |  | cylindrical | cylindrique |  |  | Massue Comestible | 8 |
| 12.    (\*) (+) | MS/VG | Fruit: length |  |  |  |  |  |
| **QN** | **(c)** | very short |  |  |  | Canon Ball | 1 |
|  |  | short |  |  |  | Basket Ball Brasil | 3 |
|  |  | medium |  |  |  | Mayo Giant Bule | 5 |
|  |  | long |  |  |  | Zucca | 7 |
|  |  | very long |  |  |  | Snake Speckled | 9 |
| 13.    (\*) (+) | MS/VG | Fruit: diameter |  |  |  |  |  |
| **QN** | **(c)** | very small |  |  |  | Mini Nigerian | 1 |
|  |  | small |  |  |  | Massue Comestible | 3 |
|  |  | medium |  |  |  | Strawberry | 5 |
|  |  | large |  |  |  | Bule Mayo | 7 |
|  |  | very large |  |  |  | Gigantesque | 9 |
| 14.   (\*) (+) | VG | Fruit: presence of neck | To DELETE |  |  |  |  |
| **QN** | **(c)** | ~~absent or very weak~~ |  |  |  | ~~Plate de Corse, Strawberry~~ | ~~1~~ |
|  |  | ~~weak~~ |  |  |  | Figue | ~~3~~ |
|  |  | ~~medium~~ |  |  |  | ~~Poire striée 4inch,~~ | ~~5~~ |
|  |  | ~~strong~~ |  |  |  | *~~to provide~~* | ~~7~~ |
|  |  | ~~very strong~~ |  |  |  | *~~to provide~~* | ~~9~~ |
| 14.   (\*) (+) | VG | Fruit: presence of neck |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | absent |  |  |  | Figue, Mayo Giant Bule, Strawberry, Plate de Corse, Massue Comestible, | 1 |
|  |  | present |  |  |  | Medium Thai Bottle fr, Kroochneck fr, Dipper Short Handled Mottled | 9 |
| 15.  ~~.~~ (+) | VG | Fruit: shape of neck |  |  |  |  |  |
| **PQ** | **(c)** | globose |  |  |  | Medium Thai Bottle fr | 1 |
|  |  | fusiform |  |  |  | **Mayo gooseneck** | 2 |
|  |  | cylindrical |  |  |  | Dipper Short Handled Mottled, Lagenaria 12 A | 3 |
| **16**.   **(\*) (+)** | **MS/VG** | **Fruit: length of neck in relation to the total length of the fruit** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **QN** | **(c)** | very short |  |  |  | Missionaris | 1 |
|  |  | short |  |  |  | Medium Thai Bottle | 3 |
|  |  | medium |  |  |  | Long Handled Dipper | 5 |
|  |  | long |  |  |  | Duck Australie fr | 7 |
|  |  | very long |  |  |  | Extra Long Dipper | 9 |
| **17**.   **(+)** | **MS/VG** | **Fruit: diameter of neck in relation to the diameter of the base** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **QN** | **(c)** | narrow |  |  |  | Dipper Short Handled Mottled | 3 |
|  |  | medium |  |  |  | Froggy | 5 |
|  |  | broad |  |  |  | Gigantesque | 7 |
| **NEW (FR-1)**   **(+)** |  | **Fruit: ribbing of the neck** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | absent |  |  |  | Figue, Pélerine | 1 |
|  |  | present |  |  |  | Massue Comestible | 9 |
| **18**.   **(+)** | **VG** | **Fruit: intensity of main color** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **QN** | **(c)** | very light |  |  |  | Bianca, Shimotsukeshiro | 1 |
|  |  | light |  |  |  | Pélerine, Plate de Corse | 3 |
|  |  | medium |  |  |  | Basket Ball Brasil,  Canon Ball | 5 |
|  |  | dark |  |  |  | Kroochneck fr | 7 |
|  |  | very dark |  |  |  | Marenka | 9 |
| **19**.  (\*) **(+)** | **VG** | **Fruit: number of speckles** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **QN** | **(c)** | absent or very few |  |  |  | Marenka Limegreen, Shimotsukeshiro | 1 |
|  |  | few |  |  |  | Basket Ball Brasil | 3 |
|  |  | medium |  |  |  | Drague | 5 |
|  |  | many |  |  |  | Froggy | 7 |
| **20**. **~~NEW (NL-1)~~** | **VG** | **Fruit: size of speckles** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **QN** | **(c)** | small |  |  |  | Basket Ball Brasil | 3 |
|  |  | medium |  |  |  | Chata P. Alegre | 5 |
|  |  | large |  |  |  | Kroochneck fr | 7 |
| **21.**   **(\*) (+)** | **VG** | **Fruit: Texture of skin** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **PQ** | **(c)** | smooth |  |  |  | Kroochneck fr | 1 |
|  |  | slightly verrucose |  |  |  | Bule Mayo | 2 |
|  |  | moderately verrucose |  |  |  | Warthy Australia fr | 3 |
|  |  | highly verrucose |  |  |  | Verruqueuse Africaine | 4 |
|  |  | slightly corrugated |  |  |  | Tol Fravago | 5 |
|  |  | moderately corrugated |  |  |  | Marenka Limegreen | 6 |
|  |  | highly corrugated |  |  |  | Marenka | 7 |
| **\*\*\*.** **NEW (FR)   (+)** |  | **Fruit: pistil scar** |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | small |  |  |  | Pélerine | 3 |
|  |  | medium |  |  |  | Massue Comestible | 5 |
|  |  | large |  |  |  | NKombo fr | 7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **22**.   **(+)** | **MS/VG** | **Seed: width** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **QN** | **(d)** | narrow |  |  |  | Mayo Gooseneck, Suisukanpyo | 3 |
|  |  | medium |  |  |  | Mayo Giant Bule, Shimotsukeshiro | 5 |
|  |  | broad |  |  |  | Nkombo fr, Omarukanpyo | 7 |
| **23**. | **VG** | **Seed: color** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **PQ** | **(d)** | light brown |  |  |  | Lagenaria 12A | 1 |
|  |  | dark brown |  |  |  | Canon Ball, Nkombo fr Shimotsukeshiro | 2 |
|  |  | black |  |  |  | Bule Mayo | 3 |

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# 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:

1. Observations should be made on fully developed leaves, at beginning of flowering.
2. Observations should be made on flowers at full flowering.
3. Observations should be made on fruits at physiological maturity.
4. Observations should be made on fully developed dry seeds, after washing and drying in the shade.

8.2 Explanations for individual characteristics

Ad. 2: Plant: Length of the main stem

Plants tend to develop many branches. The length of the main stem is correlated to the volume of the plant, the surface covered by the plant in the field, the growth speed of the stems after the beginning of flowering -8.1 (b) stage. This characteristic could be assessed by relative comparisons between varieties. When plants are regularly spaced (planting space suggested 1.80m), it is possible to identify a variety which grows fastest than another.

Ad.5: Leaf blade: degree of lobing

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |
| Gigantesque | Pélerine | Tarahumara Canteen 3 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| absent ~~or weak~~ | ~~medium~~ weak | ~~strong~~ medium |

Ad. 7 : Male flower: overlapping of petals

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| [Lagenaria siceraria Missionaris; fleurs-M](javascript:Affichegrande(%220822364.jpg%22,%22Lagenaria%20siceraria%20Missionaris;%20fleurs-M%22)) | [Lagenaria siceraria Bouteille; fleurs-M](javascript:Affichegrande(%22070950.jpg%22,%22Lagenaria%20siceraria%20Bouteille;%20fleurs-M%22)) | [Lagenaria siceraria Massue comestible; fleurs-M](javascript:Affichegrande(%22061052.jpg%22,%22Lagenaria%20siceraria%20Massue%20comestible;%20fleurs-M%22)) |
| Missionaris | Bouteille | Massue Comestible |
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| free | touching to slightly overlapping | strongly overlapping |

Ad. 9 ~~NEW (UA-2)~~: Female flower: overlapping of petals

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| [Lagenaria siceraria Missionaris; fleurs-F](javascript:Affichegrande(%220822549.jpg%22,%22Lagenaria%20siceraria%20Missionaris;%20fleurs-F%22)) |  | [Lagenaria siceraria Massue comestible; fleurs-F](javascript:Affichegrande(%22061050.jpg%22,%22Lagenaria%20siceraria%20Massue%20comestible;%20fleurs-F%22)) |
| Missionaris | Basket Ball Brasil | Massue Comestible |
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Free | touching to slightly overlapping | strongly overlapping |

Ad.10: Young fruit: bitterness

The bitterness of the young fruit should be observed by tasting two weeks after flowering. Not to eat, the bitter fruits can be toxic.

Ad. 11: Fruit: shape in longitudinal section

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| [Plate de Corse](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4020/var.php) | [Canon ball](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4075/var.php) | [Tarahumara canteen](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4082/var.php) | [Mayo Giant Bule](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4068/var.php) |
| Plate de Corse | Canon Ball | Tarahumara Canteen 3 | Mayo Giant Bule |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| oblate | circular | pyriform | clavate |

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| [Lagenaria siceraria Dipper Short Handled Mottled; fruits](javascript:Affichegrande(%220910998.jpg%22,%22Lagenaria%20siceraria%20Dipper%20Short%20Handled%20Mottled;%20fruits%22)) | [Kroochneck fr](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4077/var.php) | [Medium Thai Bottle fr](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4079/var.php) | [Massue comestible](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4105/var.php) |
| Dipper Short Handled Mottled | Kroochneck fr | Medium Thai Bottle fr | Massue Comestible |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| dipper shape | gooseneck shape | rattle shape | cylindrical |

Ad. 12 Fruit: length

This assessment is based on the **developed length** of the fruit, at the time of full development of the fruit.

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| [Snake speckled](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4089/var.php)  Top of the fruit  Base of the fruit | Base of the fruit  Top of the fruit |
| Top of the fruit  Base of the fruit | |

Ad. 13: Fruit: diameter

This assessment is based on the **widest part** of the fruit, at the time of full development of the fruit.

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| [Gigantesque](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4016/var.php) | [Basket Ball Brasil](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4035/var.php) | [Lagenaria siceraria Plate de Corse; fruits](javascript:Affichegrande(%22031939.jpg%22,%22Lagenaria%20siceraria%20Plate%20de%20Corse;%20fruits%22)) | [Massue comestible](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4105/var.php) |
| Gigantesque | Basket Ball Brasil | Plate de Corse | Massue Comestible |

Ad. 14: Fruit: presence of neck

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| [Lagenaria siceraria Figue; fruits](javascript:Affichegrande(%22073747.jpg%22,%22Lagenaria%20siceraria%20Figue;%20fruits%22))[Mayo Giant Bule](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4068/var.php)  [Strawberry](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4111/var.php)[Lagenaria siceraria Plate de Corse; fruits](javascript:Affichegrande(%22031939.jpg%22,%22Lagenaria%20siceraria%20Plate%20de%20Corse;%20fruits%22))[Massue comestible](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4105/var.php) | [Medium Thai Bottle fr](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4079/var.php)[Kroochneck fr](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4077/var.php)[Lagenaria siceraria Dipper Short Handled Mottled; fruits](javascript:Affichegrande(%220910998.jpg%22,%22Lagenaria%20siceraria%20Dipper%20Short%20Handled%20Mottled;%20fruits%22)) |
| Figue / Mayo Giant Bule/Strawberry / Plate de Corse / Massue Comestible/ | Medium Thai Bottle fr / Kroochneck fr / Dipper Short Handled Mottled |
| 1 | 9 |
| absent | present |

Ad. 15: Fruit: shape of neck

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| [Medium Thai Bottle fr](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4079/var.php) | [Mayo goosneck](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4093/var.php) [Kroochneck fr](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4077/var.php) | [Lagenaria 12 A](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4037/var.php) |
| Medium Thai Bottle fr | Mayo gooseneck // Kroochneck fr | Lagenaria 12 A |
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| globose | fusiform | cylindrical |

Ad. 16: Fruit: length of neck in relation to the total length of the fruit

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| [Missionaris](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4031/var.php) | [Mini nigerian](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4102/var.php) | [Medium Thai Bottle fr](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4079/var.php) | [Duck Australie fr](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4044/var.php) | [Extra long dipper](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4026/var.php) |
| Missionaris | Mini Nigerian | Medium Thai Bottle | Duck Australie fr | Extra Long Dipper |
| 1 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 9 |
| very short | short | medium | long | very long |

Ad. 17: Only necked varieties: Fruit: diameter of neck in relation to the diamater of the base

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| [Lagenaria siceraria Dipper Short Handled Mottled; fruits](javascript:Affichegrande(%220910998.jpg%22,%22Lagenaria%20siceraria%20Dipper%20Short%20Handled%20Mottled;%20fruits%22)) | [Kroochneck fr](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4077/var.php) | **[Gigantesque](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4016/var.php)** |
| neck diameter < ½ fruit diameter | neck diameter = ½ fruit diameter | neck diameter > ½ fruit diameter |
| Dipper Short Handled Mottled | *Kroochneck fr* | Gigantesque |
| 3 | 5 | 7 |
| small | medium | large |

Ad. NEW (FR-1): Fruit: ribbing of the neck

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| [Lagenaria siceraria Figue; pedoncules](javascript:Affichegrande(%220811426.jpg%22,%22Lagenaria%20siceraria%20Figue;%20pedoncules%22)) |  |
| Figue | Massue Comestible |
| 1 | 9 |
| absent | present |

Ad. 18: Fruit: intensity of main color

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| [Bianca](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4036/var.php) | [Lagenaria siceraria Plate de Corse; fruits](javascript:Affichegrande(%22031939.jpg%22,%22Lagenaria%20siceraria%20Plate%20de%20Corse;%20fruits%22)) | [Canon ball](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4075/var.php) | [Kroochneck fr](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4077/var.php) | [Marenka](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4018/var.php) |
| Bianca | Plate de Corse | Canon Ball | Kroochneck fr | Marenka |
| 1 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 9 |
| very light | light | medium | dark | very dark |

The main color is the color with the largest surface.

Ad. 19: Fruit: number of speckles

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| [Marenka Limegreen](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4033/var.php) | [Basket Ball Brasil](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4035/var.php) | [Drague](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4007/var.php) | [Froggy](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4240/var.php) |
| Marenka Limegreen | Basket Ball Brasil | Drague | Froggy |
| 1 | 3 | 5 | 7 |
| absent or very few | few | medium | many |

Ad. 20 ~~NEW (NL-1)~~: Fruit: size of speckles

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |
| Basket Ball Brasil | Chata P. Alegre | Froggy |
| 3 | 5 | 7 |
| small | medium | large |

Ad. 21 : Fruit: texture of skin

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| [Kroochneck fr](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4077/var.php) | [Bule Mayo](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4010/var.php) | [Warthy Australia fr](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4042/var.php) | [Verruqueuse Africaine](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4022/var.php) |
| Kroochneck fr | Bule Mayo | Warthy Australia fr | Verruqueuse Africaine |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| smooth | slightly verrucose | moderately verrucose | highly verrucose |

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| [Lagenaria siceraria Tol Fravago; fruits](javascript:Affichegrande(%220811339.jpg%22,%22Lagenaria%20siceraria%20Tol%20Fravago;%20fruits%22)) | [Marenka Limegreen](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4033/var.php) | [Marenka](http://cucurbitophile.fr/var/4018/var.php) |
| Tol Fravago | Marenka Limegreen | Marenka |
| 5 | 6 | 7 |
| slightly corrugated | moderately corrugated | highly corrugated |

Ad. NEW (FR-2): Fruit: pistil scar

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| [Lagenaria siceraria Pélerine; ombilics](javascript:Affichegrande(%220910381.jpg%22,%22Lagenaria%20siceraria%20Pélerine;%20ombilics%22)) | [Lagenaria siceraria Massue comestible; ombilics](javascript:Affichegrande(%22063668.jpg%22,%22Lagenaria%20siceraria%20Massue%20comestible;%20ombilics%22)) | [Lagenaria siceraria NKombo fr; ombilics](javascript:Affichegrande(%220911248.jpg%22,%22Lagenaria%20siceraria%20NKombo%20fr;%20ombilics%22)) |
| Pélerine | Massue Comestible | NKombo fr |
| 3 | 5 | 7 |
| small | medium | large |

Ad.22 : Seed: width

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| [Lagenaria siceraria Mayo goosneck; graines](javascript:Affichegrande(%22081C0255.jpg%22,%22Lagenaria%20siceraria%20Mayo%20goosneck;%20graines%22)) | [Lagenaria siceraria Mayo Giant Bule; graines](javascript:Affichegrande(%22091C0528.jpg%22,%22Lagenaria%20siceraria%20Mayo%20Giant%20Bule;%20graines%22)) | [Lagenaria siceraria NKombo fr; graines](javascript:Affichegrande(%22101C0702.jpg%22,%22Lagenaria%20siceraria%20NKombo%20fr;%20graines%22)) |
| Mayo Gooseneck | Mayo Giant Bule | Nkombo fr |
| 3 | 5 | 7 |
| narrow | medium | broad |

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# Technical Questionnaire

| TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE | | | Page {x} of {y} | Reference Number: | | | | |
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|  | | |  | Application date: | | | | |
|  | | |  | (not to be filled in by the applicant) | | | | |
| TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE  to be completed in connection with an application for plant breeders’ rights | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Subject of the Technical Questionnaire | | | | | | | | |
|  | |  | | | |  | | |
| 1.1 Botanical name | | *Lagenaria siceraria* (Molina) Standl. | | | |  | | |
|  | |  | | | |  | | |
| 1.2 Common name | | Bottle Gourd, Calabash | | | |  | | |
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| 2. Applicant | | | | | | | | |
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| E-mail address | |  | | | |  | | |
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| Breeder (if different from applicant) | | | | | |  | | |
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| 3. Proposed denomination and breeder’s reference | | | | | | | | |
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| 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 [ ]  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)   |  | | --- | |  | | | | | | | | | |
| 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  (i) single hybrid [ ]  (ii) three-way hybrid [ ]  (d) Other [ ]  (please provide details)   |  | | --- | |  |   4.2.2 Other [ ]  (please provide details)   |  | | --- | |  | | | | | | | | | |
| **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 Varieties | | Note | |
| **5.1 (11)** | **Fruit: shape in longitudinal section** | | | |  | |  | |
|  | oblate | | | | Plate de Corse | | 1 [ ] | |
|  | circular | | | | Canon Ball | | 2 [ ] | |
|  | pyriform | | | | Tarahumara Canteen 3 | | 3 [ ] | |
|  | clavate | | | | Mayo Giant Bule | | 4 [ ] | |
|  | dipper shape | | | | Dipper Short Handled Mottled | | 5 [ ] | |
|  | gooseneck shape | | | | Kroochneck fr | | 6 [ ] | |
|  | rattle shape | | | | Medium Thai Bottle fr | | 7 [ ] | |
|  | cylindrical | | | | Massue Comestible | | 6 [ ] | |
| **5.2 (12)** | **Fruit: length** | | | |  | |  | |
|  | very short | | | | Canon Ball | | 1 [ ] | |
|  | short | | | | Basket Ball Brasil | | 3 [ ] | |
|  | medium | | | | Mayo Giant Bule | | 5 [ ] | |
|  | long | | | | Zucca | | 7 [ ] | |
|  | very long | | | | Snake Speckled | | 9 [ ] | |
| **5.3 (13)** | **Fruit: diameter** | | | |  | |  | |
|  | very small | | | | Mini Nigerian | | 1 [ ] | |
|  | small | | | | Massue Comestible | | 3 [ ] | |
|  | medium | | | | Strawberry | | 5 [ ] | |
|  | large | | | | Bule Mayo | | 7 [ ] | |
|  | very large | | | | Gigantesque | | 9 [ ] | |
| **5.4 (14)** | **Fruit: presence of neck** | | | |  | |  | |
|  | absent | | | | Figue, Massue Comestible, Mayo Giant Bule, Plate de Corse, Strawberry | | 1 [ ] | |
|  | present | | | | Medium Thai Bottle fr, Kroochneck fr, Dipper Short Handled Mottled | | 9 [ ] | |
|  |  | | | |  | |  | |
|  | Characteristics | | | | Example Varieties | | Note | |
| **5.5 (16)** | **Fruit: length of neck in relation to the total length of the fruit** | | | |  | |  | |
|  | very low | | | | Missionaris | | 1 [ ] | |
|  | low | | | | Medium Thai Bottle | | 3 [ ] | |
|  | medium | | | | Long Handled Dipper | | 5 [ ] | |
|  | high | | | | Duck Australie fr | | 7 [ ] | |
|  | very high | | | | Extra Long Dipper | | 9 [ ] | |
| **5.6 (19)** | **Fruit: number of speckles** | | | |  | |  | |
|  | absent or very few | | | | Marenka Limegreen, Shimotsukeshiro | | 1 [ ] | |
|  | few | | | | Basket Ball Brasil | | 3 [ ] | |
|  | medium | | | | Drague | | 5 [ ] | |
|  | many | | | | Froggy | | 7 [ ] | |
| **5.7 (21)** | **Fruit: texture of skin** | | | |  | |  | |
|  | smooth | | | | Kroochneck fr | | 1 [ ] | |
|  | slightly verrucose | | | | Bule Mayo | | 2 [ ] | |
|  | moderately verrucose | | | | Warthy Australia fr | |  | |
|  | hightly verrucose | | | | Verruqueuse Africaine | |  | |
|  | slightly corrugated | | | | Tol Fravago | |  | |
|  | moderately corrugated | | | | Marenka Limegreen | |  | |
|  | hightly corrugated | | | | Marenka | |  | |
| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **6. Similar varieties and differences from these varieties**  *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.* | | | | | 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* | *Fruit: number of speckles* | *few* | *medium* | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | | Comments: | | | | | **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  Variety use  (a) vegetable [ ]  (b) rootstock [ ]  (please provide details)   |  | | --- | |  |   (c) other [ ]  (please provide details)   |  | | --- | |  |   A representative **color image** of the fruit at full development should accompany the Technical Questionnaire. | | | | | 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. | | | | | 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 for where you have indicated “yes”.  …………………………………………………………… | | | | | 10. I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this form is correct:  Applicant’s name  Signature Date | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **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. | | | | | | | | |
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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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1. \* 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.] [↑](#footnote-ref-2)