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GUIDELINES

FOR THE CONDUCT OF TESTS

FOR DISTINCTNESS, UNIFORMITY AND STABILITY

Alternative names:*

<i>Botanical name</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>French</i>	<i>German</i>	<i>Spanish</i>
<i>Geranium L.</i>	Hardy Geranium, Crane's Bill	Géranium	Storchschnabel	Geranio

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 *Geranium* 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 young plants.

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

10 plants

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 a single growing cycle.

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 Because daylight varies, color determinations made against a color chart should be made either in a suitable cabinet providing artificial daylight or in the middle of the day in a room without direct sunlight. The spectral distribution of the illuminant for artificial daylight should conform with the CIE Standard of Preferred Daylight D 6500 and should fall within the tolerances set out in the British Standard 950, Part I. These determinations should be made with the plant part placed against a white background. The color chart and version used should be specified in the variety description.

3.4 *Test Design*

3.4.1 Each test should be designed to result in a total of at least 10 plants.

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 or Parts of Plants to be Examined

Unless otherwise indicated, for the purposes of distinctness, all observations on single plants should be made on 9 plants or parts of plants taken from each of 9 plants and any other observations made on all plants in the test, disregarding any off-type plants.

In the case of observations of parts taken from single plants, the number of parts to be taken from each of the plants should be 2.

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 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 These Test Guidelines have been developed for the examination of vegetatively propagated varieties. For varieties with other types of propagation, the recommendations in the General Introduction and document TGP/13 "Guidance for new types and species" Section 4.5 "Testing Uniformity" should be followed.

4.2.3 For the assessment of uniformity of vegetatively propagated varieties, a population standard of 1% and an acceptance probability of at least 95% should be applied. In the case of a sample size of 10 plants, 1 off-type is 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 by testing a new seed stock to ensure that it exhibits the same characteristics as those shown by the 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: habit (characteristic 1)
- (b) Plant: height (characteristic 3)
- (c) Leaf: main color (characteristic 8)
 - Gr. 1: whitish
 - Gr. 2: green
 - Gr. 3: purplish or brownish green
 - Gr. 4: yellow green
 - Gr. 5: yellow
 - Gr. 6: purple
 - Gr. 7: brownish purple
 - Gr. 8: brownish
 - Gr. 9: reddish brown
- (d) Flower: attitude (characteristic 29)
- (e) Flower: type (characteristic 30)
- (f) Petal: main color (characteristic 39)
 - Gr. 1: white
 - Gr. 2: light pink
 - Gr. 3: medium pink
 - Gr. 4: dark pink
 - Gr. 5: orange red
 - Gr. 6: red purple
 - Gr. 7: purple
 - Gr. 8: violet
 - Gr. 9: blue
 - Gr. 10: reddish brown

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

	English		français		deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
	Name of characteristics in English		Nom du caractère en français		Name des Merkmals auf Deutsch		Nombre del carácter en español	
	states of expression		types d'expression		Ausprägungsstufen		tipos de expresión	

- 1 Characteristic number
- 2 (*) Asterisked characteristic – see Chapter 6.1.2
- 3 Type of expression
 QL Qualitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3
 QN Quantitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3
 PQ Pseudo-qualitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3
- 4 Method of observation (and type of plot, if applicable)
 MG, MS, VG, VS – see Chapter 4.1.5
- 5 (+) See Explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter 8.2
- 6 (a)-(f) See Explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter 8.1
- 7 Not applicable

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

	English		français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
1. (*)	PQ	VG	(+)				
	Plant: habit		Plante : port	Pflanze: Wuchsform	Planta: hábito		
	upright		dressé	aufrecht	erguida		1
	semi-upright		demi-dressé	halbaufrecht	semierguida	Midnightlyona	2
	spreading		étalé	breitwüchsig	extendida	Gerwat	3
	horizontal		horizontal	waagrecht	horizontal	Noorthava	4
2.	QN	VG					
	Plant: density		Plante : densité	Pflanze: Dichte	Planta: densidad		
	very sparse		très faible	sehr locker	muy laxa		1
	sparse		faible	locker	laxa	Melody	2
	medium		moyenne	mittel	media	Gerwat	3
	dense		forte	dicht	densa	Thunder Cloud	4
	very dense		très forte	sehr dicht	muy densa		5
3. (*)	QN	MG/MS/VG					
	Plant: height		Plant : hauteur	Pflanze: Höhe	Planta: altura		
	very short		très basse	sehr niedrig	muy baja	Thunder Cloud	1
	short		basse	niedrig	baja	Noorthava	3
	medium		moyenne	mittel	media	Catherine Deneuve	5
	tall		haute	hoch	alta	Samobor	7
	very tall		très haute	sehr hoch	muy alta		9
4.	QN	MG/MS/VG	(+)				
	Stem: internode length		Tige : longueur de l'entrenœud	Trieb: Internodienlänge	Tallo: longitud del entrenudo		
	very short		très court	sehr kurz	muy corto	Blushing Turtle	1
	short		court	kurz	corto	Thunder Cloud	2
	medium		moyen	mittel	medio	Bremdra	3
	long		long	lang	largo	Catherine Deneuve	4
	very long		très long	sehr lang	muy largo		5

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
5. (*)	QN MG/MS/VG	(+) (a)				
	Leaf: length	Feuille : longueur	Blatt: Länge	Hoja: longitud		
	very short	très courte	sehr kurz	muy corta	Melody	1
	short	courte	kurz	corta	Blushing Turtle	3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Noorthava	5
	long	longue	lang	larga		7
	very long	très longue	sehr lang	muy larga	Catherine Deneuve	9
6. (*)	QN MG/MS/VG	(+) (a)				
	Leaf: width	Feuille : largeur	Blatt: Breite	Hoja: anchura		
	very narrow	très étroite	sehr schmal	muy estrecha	Melody	1
	narrow	étroite	schmal	estrecha	Blushing Turtle	3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Noorthava	5
	broad	large	breit	ancha		7
	very broad	très large	sehr breit	muy ancha	Catherine Deneuve	9
7. (*)	QN MG/MS/VG	(+)				
	Leaf: length/width ratio	Feuille : rapport longueur/largeur	Blatt: Verhältnis Länge/Breite	Hoja: relación longitud/anchura		
	very low	très bas	sehr klein	muy baja		1
	low	bas	klein	baja		2
	medium	moyen	mittel	media		3
	high	élevé	groß	alta		4
	very high	très élevé	sehr groß	muy alta		5
8. (*)	PQ VG	(a), (b), (c)				
	Leaf: main color	Feuille : couleur principale	Blatt: Hauptfarbe	Hoja: color principal		
	RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)	Code RHS des couleurs (indiquer le numéro de référence)	RHS-Farbkarte (Nummer angeben)	Carta de colores RHS (indíquese el número de referencia)		

	English		français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
9. (*)	PQ	VG	(a), (b)				
	Leaf: secondary color	Feuille : couleur secondaire	Blatt: Sekundärfarbe	Hoja: color secundario			
	none	aucune	keine	ausente			1
	whitish	blanchâtre	weißlich	blanquecino	Jester's Jacket		2
	light green	vert clair	hellgrün	verde claro	Noorthava		3
	medium green	vert moyen	mittelgrün	verde medio	Springtime		4
	dark green	vert foncé	dunkelgrün	verde oscuro			5
	yellow green	vert-jaune	gelbgrün	verde amarillento	Margaret Wilson		6
	grey green	vert-gris	graugrün	verde grisáceo			7
	yellow	jaune	gelb	amarillo	Spring Fling		8
	pink	rose	rosa	rosa			9
	red	rouge	rot	rojo			10
	purple	pourpre	purpurn	púrpura			11
	brownish purple	pourpre brunâtre	bräunlich purpurn	púrpura amarronado			12
	brownish	brunâtre	bräunlich	amarronado	Samobor		13
	reddish brown	brun rougeâtre	rötlich braun	marrón rojizo	Katherine Adele		14
10. (*)	PQ	VG	(+)	(a), (b)			
	Leaf: distribution of secondary color	Feuille : répartition de la couleur secondaire	Blatt: Verteilung der Sekundärfarbe	Hoja: distribución del color secundario			
	on margin	au bord	am Rand	en el borde			1
	marginal zone	zone marginale	im Randbereich	en la zona del borde	Springtime		2
	central zone	zone centrale	im Mittelbereich	en la zona central	Katherine Adele		3
	intermediate zone	zone intermédiaire	im Zwischenbereich	en la zona intermedia	Samobor		4
	at sinus	au sinus	an den Buchten	en los senos			5
	throughout	partout	überall	en la totalidad	Jester's Jacket		6
11. (*)	PQ	VG	(+)	(a), (b)			
	Leaf: pattern of secondary color	Feuille : distribution de la couleur secondaire	Blatt: Muster der Sekundärfarbe	Hoja: forma de disposición del color secundario			
	solid or nearly solid	uniforme ou presque	durchgefärbt oder fast durchgefärbt	liso o prácticamente liso			1
	flushed	diffuse	verschwommen	difuso			2
	blotched	taches	gefleckt	en manchas			3
	veined	nervurée	geadert	en la nervadura			4
	irregular sectors	parties irrégulières	unregelmäßige Sektoren	en sectores irregulares			5

	English		français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
12.	PQ	VG	(a), (b)				
	Leaf: tertiary color	Feuille : couleur tertiaire	Blatt: Tertiärfarbe	Hoja: color terciario			
	none	aucune	keine	ausente			1
	whitish	blanchâtre	weißlich	blanquecino			2
	light green	vert clair	hellgrün	verde claro			3
	medium green	vert moyen	mittelgrün	verde medio			4
	dark green	vert foncé	dunkelgrün	verde oscuro			5
	yellow green	vert-jaune	gelbgrün	verde amarillento			6
	grey green	vert-gris	graugrün	verde grisáceo			7
	yellow	jaune	gelb	amarillo			8
	pink	rose	rosa	rosa	Jester's Jacket		9
	red	rouge	rot	rojo	Spring Fling		10
	purple	pourpre	purpurn	púrpura			11
	brownish purple	pourpre brunâtre	bräunlich purpurn	púrpura amarronado			12
	brownish	brunâtre	bräunlich	amarronado			13
	reddish brown	brun rougeâtre	rötlich braun	marrón rojizo			14
13.	PQ	VG	(+)	(a), (b)			
	Leaf: distribution of tertiary color	Feuille : répartition de la couleur tertiaire	Blatt: Verteilung der Tertiärfarbe	Hoja: distribución del color terciario			
	on margin	au bord	am Rand	en el borde			1
	marginal zone	zone marginale	im Randbereich	en la zona del borde			2
	central zone	zone centrale	im Mittelbereich	en la zona central			3
	intermediate zone	zone intermédiaire	im Zwischenbereich	en la zona intermedia			4
	at sinus	au sinus	an den Buchten	en los senos			5
	throughout	partout	überall	en la totalidad			6
14.	PQ	VG	(+)	(a), (b)			
	Leaf: pattern of tertiary color	Feuille : distribution de la couleur tertiaire	Blatt: Muster der Tertiärfarbe	Hoja: forma de disposición del color terciario			
	solid or nearly solid	uniforme ou presque	durchgefärbt oder fast durchgefärbt	liso o prácticamente liso			1
	flushed	diffuse	verschwommen	difuso			2
	blotched	taches	gefleckt	en manchas			3
	veined	nervurée	geadert	en la nervadura			4
	irregular sectors	parties irrégulières	unregelmäßige Sektoren	en sectores irregulares			5

	English		français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
15.	QN	VG	(a)				
	Leaf: pubescence	Feuille : pubescence	Blatt: Behaarung	Hoja: pubescencia			
	absent or very weak	nulle ou très faible	fehlend oder sehr gering	ausente o muy escasa	Clos du Coudray		1
	weak	faible	gering	escasa	Thunder Cloud		2
	medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Bremdream		3
	strong	forte	stark	abundante	Purple Passion		4
	very strong	très forte	sehr stark	muy abundante			5
16.	QN	VG	(a)				
	Leaf: glossiness	Feuille : brillance	Blatt: Glanz	Hoja: brillo			
	absent or very weak	nulle ou très faible	fehlend oder sehr gering	ausente o muy ligero	Noorthava		1
	weak	faible	gering	ligero	Blushing Turtle		2
	medium	moyenne	mittel	medio	Purple Passion		3
	strong	forte	stark	intenso	Thunder Cloud		4
	very strong	très forte	sehr stark	muy intenso	Clos du Coudray		5
17. (*)	QN	VG	(a)				
	Leaf: rugosity	Feuille : rugosité	Blatt: Blasigkeit	Hoja: rugosidad			
	absent or very weak	nulle ou très faible	fehlend oder sehr gering	ausente o muy leve	Melody		1
	weak	faible	gering	leve			2
	medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Bremdream		3
	strong	forte	stark	marcada	Catherine Deneuve		4
	very strong	très forte	sehr stark	muy marcada	Philippe Vapelle		5
18. (*)	QN	VG	(+)	(a), (c)			
	Leaf: depth of sinus	Feuille : profondeur du sinus	Blatt: Tiefe der Buchten	Hoja: profundidad de los senos			
	absent or very shallow	absent ou très peu profond	fehlend oder sehr flach	ausentes o muy poco profundos			1
	shallow	peu profond	flach	poco profundos			3
	medium	moyen	mittel	medianamente profundos			5
	deep	profond	tief	profundos			7
	very deep	très profond	sehr tief	muy profundos			9

	English		français		deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielsorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
19.	QN	MG/VG	(+)	(a), (c)				
	Leaf: width of lobe	Feuille : largeur du lobe	Blatt: Breite des Lappens	Hoja: anchura de los lóbulos				
	very narrow	très étroit	sehr schmal	muy estrechos	Blushing Turtle		1	
	narrow	étroit	schmal	estrechos	Thunder Cloud		3	
	medium	moyen	mittel	medios	Noorthava		5	
	broad	large	breit	anchos	Catherine Deneuve		7	
	very broad	très large	sehr breit	muy anchos			9	
20.	PQ	VG	(+)	(a), (c)				
	Leaf: margins of lobe	Feuille : bords du lobe	Blatt: Ränder des Lappens	Hoja: bordes de los lóbulos				
	diverging	divergents	auseinanderlaufend	divergentes			1	
	straight	droits	gerade	rectos			2	
	converging	convergents	zusammenlaufend	convergentes			3	
	overlapping	se recouvrant	überlappend	solapados			4	
21.	PQ	VG	(+)	(a), (c)				
	Leaf: shape of lobe apex	Feuille : Forme de l'extrémité du lobe	Blatt: Form der Lappenspitze	Hoja: forma del ápice de los lóbulos				
	acute	aiguë	spitz	agudo			1	
	obtuse	obtuse	stumpf	obtuso			2	
	rounded	arrondie	abgerundet	redondeado			3	
	truncate	tronquée	abgestumpft	truncado			4	
22.	PQ	VG	(+)	(a)				
	Leaf: basal lobes	Feuille : lobes basaux	Blatt: Basallappen	Hoja: lóbulos basales				
	strongly diverging	fortement divergents	stark auseinanderlaufend	muy divergentes			1	
	moderately diverging	modérément divergents	mäßig auseinanderlaufend	medianamente divergentes			2	
	weakly diverging	légèrement divergents	etwas auseinanderlaufend	ligeramente divergentes			3	
	straight	droits	gerade	rectos			4	
	overlapping	se recouvrant	überlappend	solapados			5	
23. (*)	QN	VG	(+)	(a)				
	Leaf: number of incisions of margin	Feuille : nombre d'incisions du bord	Blatt: Anzahl der Randeinschnitte	Hoja: número de incisiones del borde				
	few	petit	gering	bajo			3	
	medium	moyen	mittel	medio			5	
	many	grand	groß	alto			7	

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24. (*)	QN VG	(+) (a)				
	Leaf: depth of incisions of margin	Feuille : profondeur des incisions du bord	Blatt: Tiefe der Randeinschnitte	Hoja: profundidad de las incisiones del borde		
	shallow	peu profondes	flach	poco profundas		3
	medium	moyennes	mittel	medianamente profundas		5
	deep	profondes	tief	profundas		7
25. (*)	QL VG	(+)				
	Flowering stem: branching habit	Tige florifère : port des ramifications	Blühender Trieb: Verzweigung	Tallo floral: hábito de ramificación		
	laterals branching both sides	ramifications latérales des deux côtés	seitliche Verzweigung auf beiden Seiten	ramificaciones laterales en ambos lados		1
	laterals branching one side only	ramifications latérales d'un côté seulement	seitliche Verzweigung nur auf einer Seite	ramificaciones laterales en un solo lado		2
26.	PQ VG					
	Flowering stem: color	Tige florifère : couleur	Blühender Trieb: Farbe	Tallo floral: color		
	green	vert	grün	verde	Bremdream	1
	yellow green	vert-jaune	gelbgrün	verde amarillento		2
	orange red	rouge orangé	orangerot	rojo anaranjado	Rise and Shine	3
	red	rouge	rot	rojo	Thunder Cloud	4
	purplish or brownish green	vert violacé ou vert brunâtre	purpurgrün oder bräunlichgrün	verde purpúreo o amarronado	Blushing Turtle	5
	purple	pourpre	purpurn	púrpura		6
	brownish purple	pourpre brunâtre	bräunlich purpurn	púrpura amarronado	Midnightlyona	7
	reddish brown	brun rougeâtre	rötlich braun	marrón rojizo		8
27.	QN MG/MS/VG					
	Inflorescence: peduncle length	Inflorescence : longueur du pédoncule	Blütenstand: Länge des Blütenstandsstiels	Inflorescencia: longitud del pedúnculo		
	short	court	kurz	corto	Rise and Shine	3
	medium	moyen	mittel	medio	Blushing Turtle	5
	long	long	lang	largo	Noorthava	7
28.	QN MG/MS/VG					
	Flower: length of pedicel	Fleur : longueur du pédicelle	Blüte: Länge des Blütenstiels	Flor: longitud del pedicelo		
	short	court	kurz	corto	Blushing Turtle	3
	medium	moyen	mittel	medio	Noorthava	5
	long	long	lang	largo	Bremdream	7

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29. (*)	QN VG	(+) (d)				
	Flower: attitude	Fleur : port	Blüte: Haltung	Flor: porte		
	upwards	vers le haut	aufwärts gerichtet	erguida		1
	slightly outwards	légèrement vers l'extérieur	etwas seitlich gerichtet	ligeramente hacia afuera	Gerwat	2
	strongly outwards	fortement vers l'extérieur	stark seitlich gerichtet	marcadamente hacia afuera	Midnightlyona	3
	downwards	vers le bas	abwärts gerichtet	hacia abajo		4
30. (*)	QL VG	(+) (d)				
	Flower: type	Fleur : type	Blüte: Typ	Flor: tipo		
	single	simple	einfach	simple	Gerwat	1
	double	double	gefüllt	doble	Gernic	2
31. (*)	QN MG/MS/VG	(d)				
	Flower: diameter	Fleur : diamètre	Blüte: Durchmesser	Flor: diámetro		
	small	petit	klein	pequeño	Melody	3
	medium	moyen	mittel	medio	Noorthava	5
	large	grand	groß	grande	Ivan	7
32. (*)	QN VG	(+) (d)				
	<u>Only varieties with flower type: single:</u> Flower: profile in cross section	<u>Seulement les variétés à type de fleur : simple :</u> Fleur : profil en section transversale	<u>Nur Sorten mit Blütentyp: einfach:</u> Blüte: Profil im Querschnitt	<u>Solo variedades con tipo de flor: simple:</u> Flor: perfil en sección transversal		
	strongly concave	fortement concave	stark konkav	muy cóncavo		1
	moderately concave	moyennement concave	mäßig konkav	medianamente cóncavo		2
	weakly concave	légèrement concave	leicht konkav	ligeramente cóncavo		3
	flat	plat	flach	plano		4
	weakly convex	légèrement convexe	leicht konvex	ligeramente convexo		5
	moderately convex	moyennement convexe	mäßig konvex	medianamente convexo		6
	strongly convex	fortement convexe	stark konvex	muy convexo		7

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33. (*)	QN	VG	(+)	(d), (e)				
	Petal: arrangement	Pétale : disposition	Blütenblatt: Anordnung	Pétalo: disposición				
	moderately separate	moyennement distincts	mäßig freistehend	moderadamente separados				1
	weakly separate	légèrement distincts	leicht freistehend	ligeramente separados				2
	touching	tangents	sich berührend	en contacto				3
	weakly overlapping	se recouvrant légèrement	leicht überlappend	ligeramente solapados				4
	moderately overlapping	se recouvrant modérément	mäßig überlappend	moderadamente solapados				5
34.	QN	VG	(+)	(d), (e)				
	Petal: curvature	Pétale : courbure	Blütenblatt: Biegung	Pétalo: curvatura				
	moderately incurving	s'incurvant modérément	mäßig aufgebogen	moderadamente incurvado				1
	weakly incurving	s'incurvant légèrement	leicht aufgebogen	ligeramente incurvado				2
	straight	droit	gerade	recto				3
	weakly reflexing	légèrement retombant	leicht zurückgebogen	ligeramente reflexo				4
	moderately reflexing	modérément retombant	mäßig zurückgebogen	moderadamente reflexo				5
35. (*)	QN	MG/MS/VG		(d), (e)				
	Petal: length	Pétale : longueur	Blütenblatt: Länge	Pétalo: longitud				
	short	court	kurz	corto	Purple Passion			3
	medium	moyen	mittel	medio	Midnightlyona			5
	long	long	lang	largo	Philippe Vapelle			7
36. (*)	QN	MG/MS/VG		(d), (e)				
	Petal: width	Pétale : largeur	Blütenblatt: Breite	Pétalo: anchura				
	narrow	étroit	schmal	estrecho	Catherine Deneuve			3
	medium	moyen	mittel	medio	Midnightlyona			5
	broad	large	breit	ancho	Ivan			7
37. (*)	QN	MG/MS/VG	(+)	(d), (e)				
	Petal: length/width ratio	Pétale : rapport longueur/largeur	Blütenblatt: Verhältnis Länge/Breite	Pétalo: relación longitud/anchura				
	low	bas	klein	baja				3
	medium	moyen	mittel	media				5
	high	élevé	groß	alta				7

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38. (*)	PQ	VG	(+)	(d), (e)				
	Petal: shape of apex	Pétale : forme de l'extrémité	Blütenblatt: Form der Spitze	Pétalo: forma del ápice				
	acute	aiguë	spitz	agudo				1
	obtuse	obtuse	stumpf	obtuso				2
	rounded	arrondie	abgerundet	redondeado				3
	truncate	tronquée	abgestumpft	truncado				4
	cordate	cordée	herzförmig	cordado				5
	lacinate	laciniée	gefranst	laciniado				6
39. (*)	PQ	VG		(d), (e), (f)				
	Petal: main color	Pétale : couleur principale	Blütenblatt: Hauptfarbe	Pétalo: color principal				
	RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)	Code RHS des couleurs (indiquer le numéro de référence)	RHS-Farbkarte (Nummer angeben)	Carta de colores RHS (indíquese el número de referencia)				
40. (*)	PQ	VG	(+)	(d), (e), (f)				
	Petal: distribution of secondary color	Pétale : répartition de la couleur secondaire	Blütenblatt: Verteilung der Sekundärfarbe	Pétalo: distribución del color secundario				
	none	aucune	keine	ausente				1
	marginal zone	zone marginale	im Randbereich	en la zona del borde				2
	distal quarter	quart distal	im distalen Viertel	en el cuarto distal				3
	distal half	moitié distale	in der distalen Hälfte	en la mitad distal				4
	basal half	moitié basale	in der basalen Hälfte	en la mitad basal				5
	basal quarter	quart basal	im basalen Viertel	en el cuarto basal				6
	at base	à la base	an der Basis	en la base				7
	transverse band	bande transversale	als transversales Band	banda transversal				8
	throughout	partout	überall	en la totalidad				9

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41.	(*)	PQ VG	(d), (e), (f)							
		Petal: secondary color	Pétale : couleur secondaire		Blütenblatt: Sekundärfarbe		Pétalo: color secundario			
		RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)	Code RHS des couleurs (indiquer le numéro de référence)		RHS-Farbkarte (Nummer angeben)		Carta de colores RHS (indíquese el número de referencia)			
42.		PQ VG	(+)	(d), (e), (f)						
		Petal: pattern of secondary color	Pétale : distribution de la couleur secondaire		Blütenblatt: Muster der Sekundärfarbe		Pétalo: forma de disposición del color secundario			
		solid or nearly solid	uniforme ou presque		durchgefärbt oder fast durchgefärbt		liso o prácticamente liso			1
		flushed	diffuse		verschwommen		difuso			2
		speckled and striped	piquetée et striée		gefleckt und gestreift		en granos y rayas			3
43.		PQ VG	(+)	(d), (e), (f)						
		Petal: distribution of tertiary color	Pétale : répartition de la couleur tertiaire		Blütenblatt: Verteilung der Tertiärfarbe		Pétalo: distribución del color terciario			
		none	nulle		keine		ausente			1
		marginal zone	zone marginale		im Randbereich		en la zona del borde			2
		distal quarter	quart distal		im distalen Viertel		en el cuarto distal			3
		basal quarter	quart basal		im basalen Viertel		en el cuarto basal			4
		at base	à la base		an der Basis		en la base			5
		transverse band	bande transversale		als transversales Band		banda transversal			6
		throughout	partout		überall		en la totalidad			7
44.		PQ VG	(d), (e), (f)							
		Petal: tertiary color	Pétale : couleur tertiaire		Blütenblatt: Tertiärfarbe		Pétalo: color terciario			
		RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)	Code RHS des couleurs (indiquer le numéro de référence)		RHS-Farbkarte (Nummer angeben)		Carta de colores RHS (indíquese el número de referencia)			
45.		PQ VG	(+)	(d), (e), (f)						
		Petal: pattern of tertiary color	Pétale : distribution de la couleur tertiaire		Blütenblatt: Muster der Tertiärfarbe		Pétalo: forma de disposición del color terciario			
		solid or nearly solid	uniforme ou presque		durchgefärbt oder fast durchgefärbt		liso o prácticamente liso			1
		flushed	diffuse		verschwommen		difuso			2
		speckled and striped	piquetée et striée		gefleckt und gestreift		en granos y rayas			3

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46. (*)	QN	VG	(+)	(d), (e)				
	Petal: conspicuousness of veins		Pétale : netteté des nervures		Blütenblatt: Ausprägung der Aderung	Pétalo: visibilidad de la nervadura		
	very weak		très faible		sehr gering	muy poco visible		1
	weak		faible		gering	poco visible		2
	medium		moyenne		mittel	medianamente visible		3
	strong		forte		stark	claramente visible		4
	very strong		très forte		sehr stark	muy claramente visible		5
47.	PQ	VG	(+)	(d), (e)				
	Petal: distribution of conspicuous veins		Pétale : répartition des nervures nettes		Blütenblatt: Verteilung der deutlich ausgeprägten Adern	Pétalo: distribución de la parte visible de la nervadura		
	distal quarter		quart distal		im distalen Viertel	en el cuarto distal		1
	distal half		moitié distale		in der distalen Hälfte	en la mitad distal		2
	distal three quarters		trois quarts distaux		im distalen Dreiviertel	en los tres cuartos distales		3
	middle part		partie médiane		im Mittelteil	en la parte central		4
	basal three quarters		trois quarts basaux		im basalen Dreiviertel	en los tres cuartos basales		5
	basal half		moitié basale		in der basalen Hälfte	en la mitad basal		6
	basal quarter		quart basal		im basalen Viertel	en el cuarto basal		7
	throughout		partout		überall	en la totalidad		8
48. (*)	PQ	VG	(+)	(d), (e)				
	Petal: color of veins		Pétale : couleur des nervures		Blütenblatt: Farbe der Adern	Pétalo: color de la nervadura		
	light pink		rose pâle		hellrosa	rosa claro		1
	medium pink		rose moyen		mittelrosa	rosa medio	Blushing Turtle	2
	dark pink		rose foncé		dunkelrosa	rosa oscuro		3
	red		rouge		rot	rojo		4
	light red purple		pourpre-rouge clair		hellrotpurpurn	púrpura rojizo claro		5
	medium red purple		pourpre-rouge moyen		mittelrotpurpurn	púrpura rojizo medio		6
	dark red purple		pourpre-rouge foncé		dunkelrotpurpurn	púrpura rojizo oscuro	Catherine Deneuve	7
	light purple		pourpre clair		hellpurpurn	púrpura claro		8
	medium purple		pourpre moyen		mittelpurpurn	púrpura medio		9
	dark purple		pourpre foncé		dunkelpurpurn	púrpura oscuro	Noorthava	10
	violet blue		bleu-violet		violettblau	azul violáceo		11
	blue		bleu		blau	azul		12
	blackish		noirâtre		schwärzlich	negruzco	Bremdream	13

8. Explanations on the Table of Characteristics

8.1 *Explanations covering several characteristics*

Observations should be made at the time of full flowering.

Characteristics containing the following key in the Table of Characteristics should be examined as indicated below:

- (a) Observations should be made on the upper side of fully expanded leaves from the middle third of a flowering stem, excluding the inflorescence.
- (b) Any color effect caused by the leaf pubescence should be ignored. The main color is the color with the largest surface area. The color with the second largest area is the secondary color. The color with the third largest area is the tertiary color. In cases where the areas of the colors are too similar to reliably decide which color has the largest area, the darker color is considered to be the main color.
- (c) Observations should be made on the terminal lobe. Where it is not possible to clearly differentiate the terminal lobe, this should be observed on the lobe that is most directly opposite the attachment point of the petiole.
- (d) Observations should be made on new fully open flowers.
- (e) In double flowered varieties, observations should be made on the outer whorl of petals.
- (f) Observations should be made on the inner surface. The color of the veins should be excluded. The main color is the color with the largest surface area. The color with the second largest area is the secondary color, and the color with the third largest area is the tertiary color. In cases where the areas are too similar to reliably decide which color has the largest area, the darker color is considered to be the main color. The guideline makes provision for three colors; if more colors are present, those with the smallest area should not be observed.

8.2 *Explanations for individual characteristics*

Ad. 1: Plant: habit



1
upright



2
semi-upright



3
spreading



4
horizontal

Ad. 4: Stem: internode length

To be observed in the mid third of the stem.

Ad. 5: Leaf: length

To observe the leaf length from the lowest to highest point of the leaf.



Ad. 6: Leaf: width

Observe at widest point.

Ad. 7: Leaf: length/width ratio



2
low



3
medium



4
high

Ad. 10: Leaf: distribution of secondary color



1
on margin



2
marginal zone



3
central zone



4
intermediate zone



5
at sinus



6
throughout

Ad. 11: Leaf: pattern of secondary color



1
solid or nearly solid



2
flushed



3
blotched



4
veined



5
irregular sectors

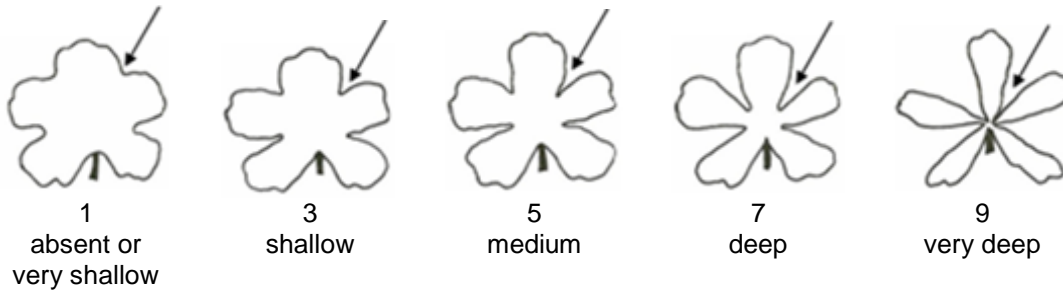
Ad. 13: Leaf: distribution of tertiary color

See Ad. 10

Ad. 14: Leaf: pattern of tertiary color

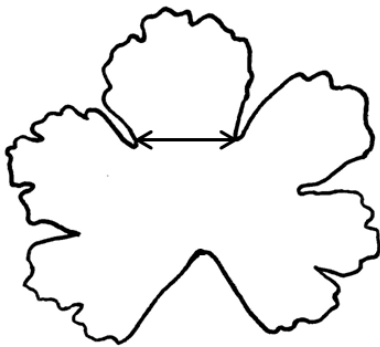
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Ad. 18: Leaf: depth of sinus

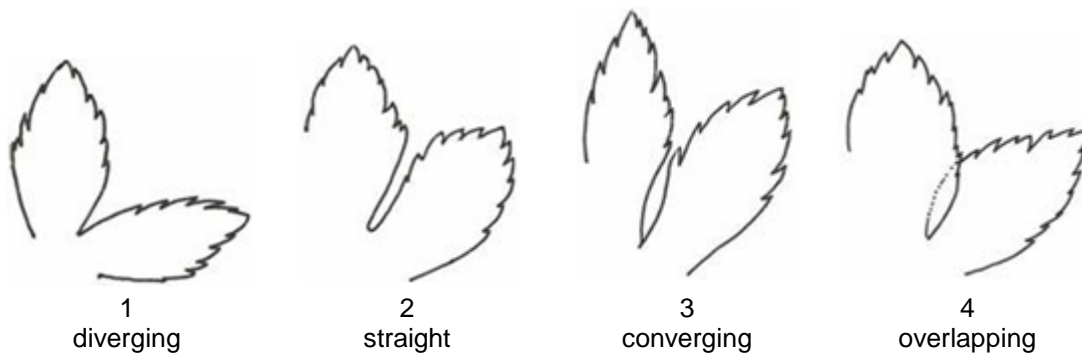


Ad. 19: Leaf: width of lobe

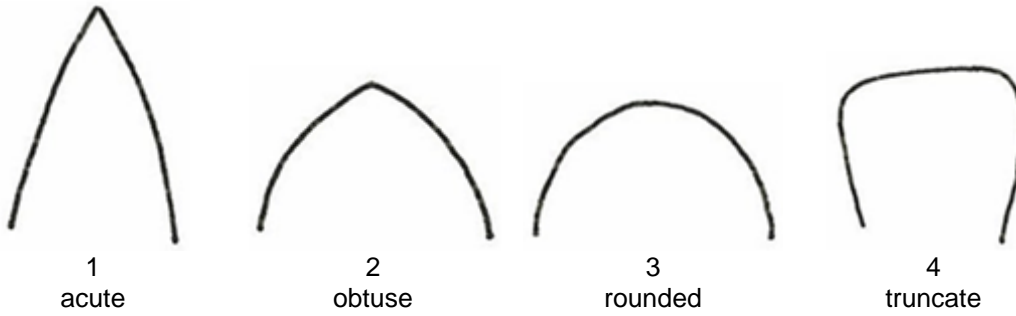
To be observed as the width of the lobe at the sinuses of the terminal lobe of the leaf.



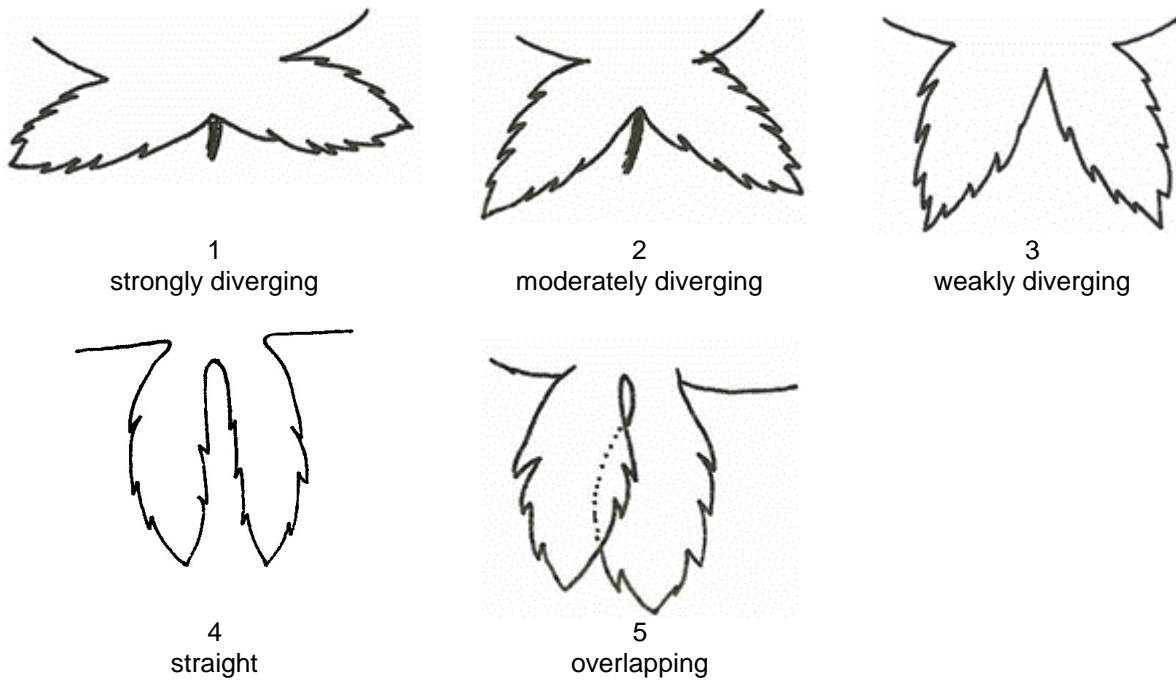
Ad. 20: Leaf: margins of lobe



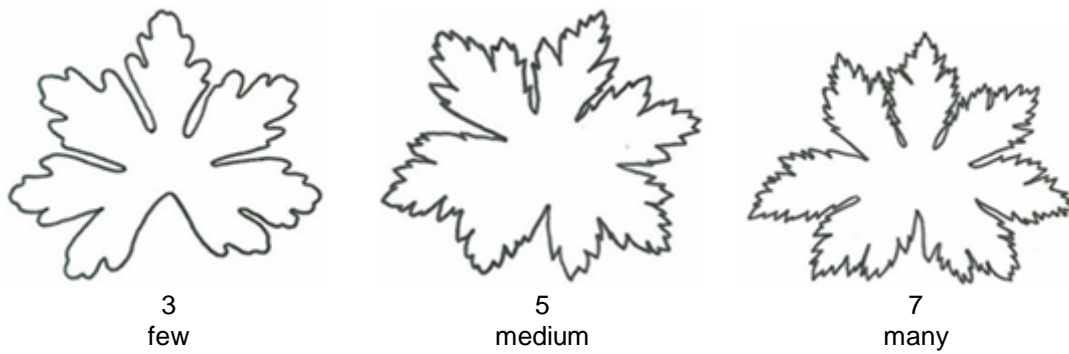
Ad. 21: Leaf: shape of lobe apex



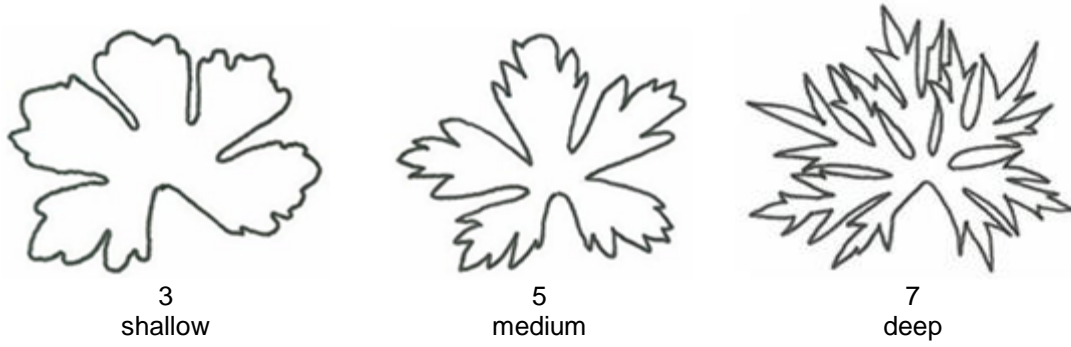
Ad. 22: Leaf: basal lobes



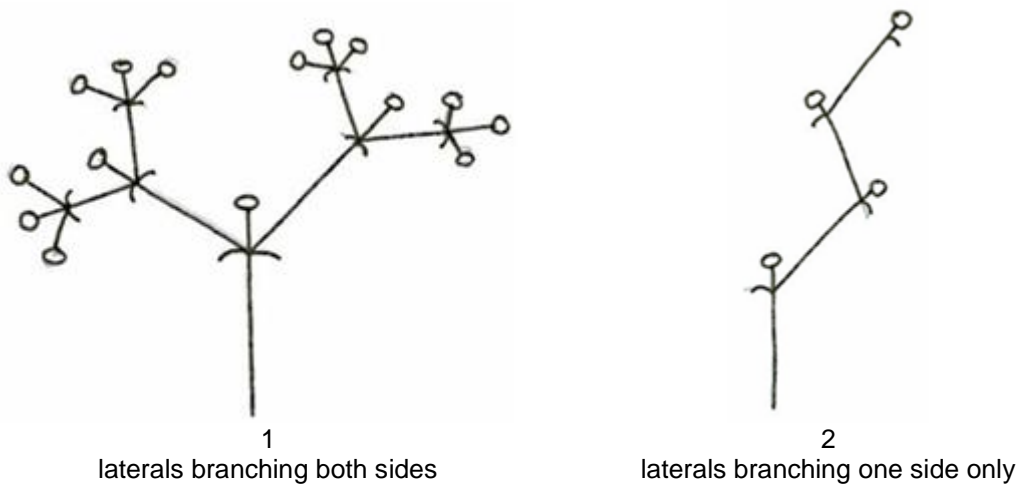
Ad. 23: Leaf: number of incisions of margin



Ad. 24: Leaf: depth of incisions of margin

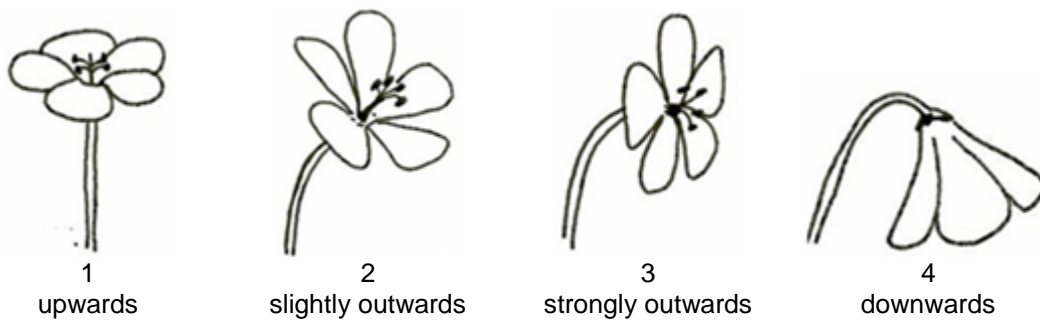


Ad. 25: Flowering stem: branching habit



Ad. 29: Flower: attitude

The expression of this characteristic should be observed irrespective of the angle of the pedicel.



Ad. 30: Flower: type

A single flower has one whorl containing 5 petals, a double flower has more than one whorl of petals or has petaloids in addition to the whorl of petals.

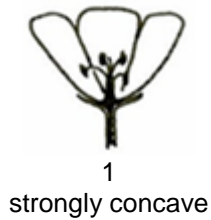


1
single

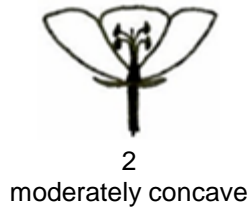


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double

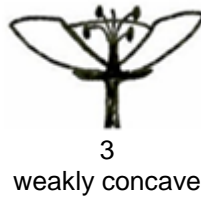
Ad. 32: Only varieties with flower type: single: Flower: profile in cross section



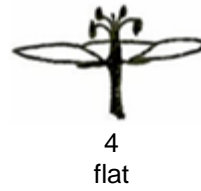
1
strongly concave



2
moderately concave



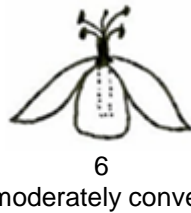
3
weakly concave



4
flat



5
weakly convex



6
moderately convex

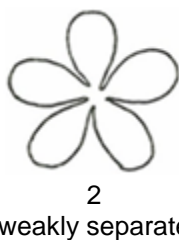


7
strongly convex

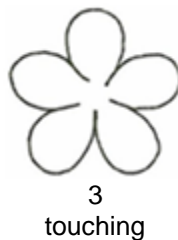
Ad. 33: Petal: arrangement



1
moderately
separate



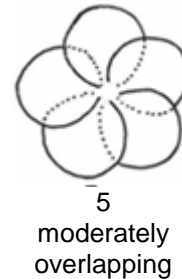
2
weakly separate



3
touching

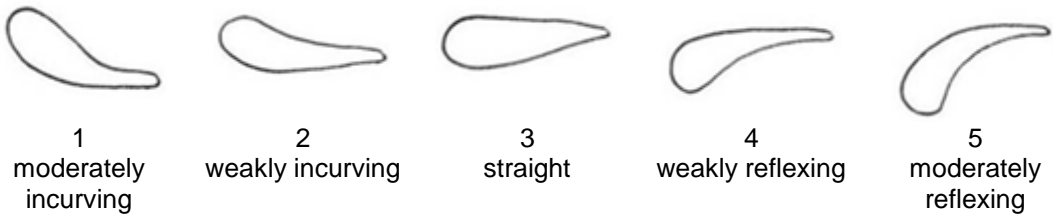


4
weakly
overlapping

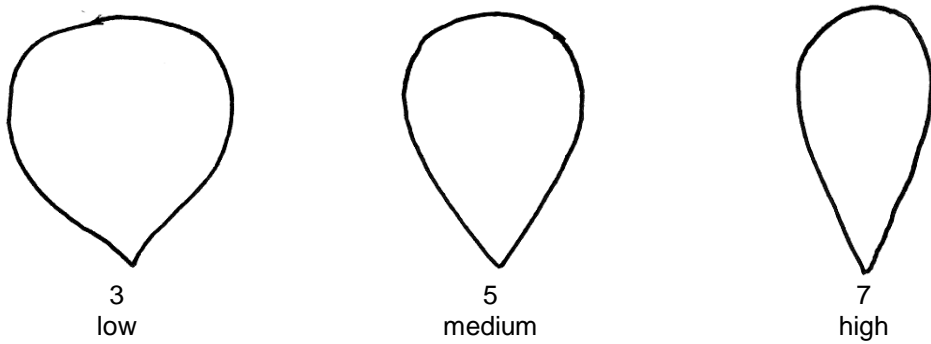


5
moderately
overlapping

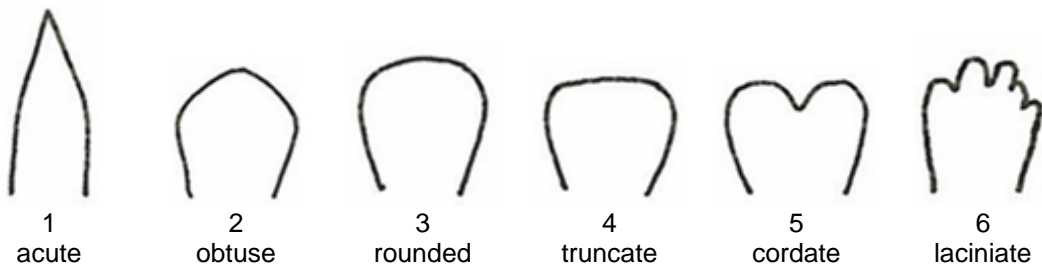
Ad. 34: Petal: curvature



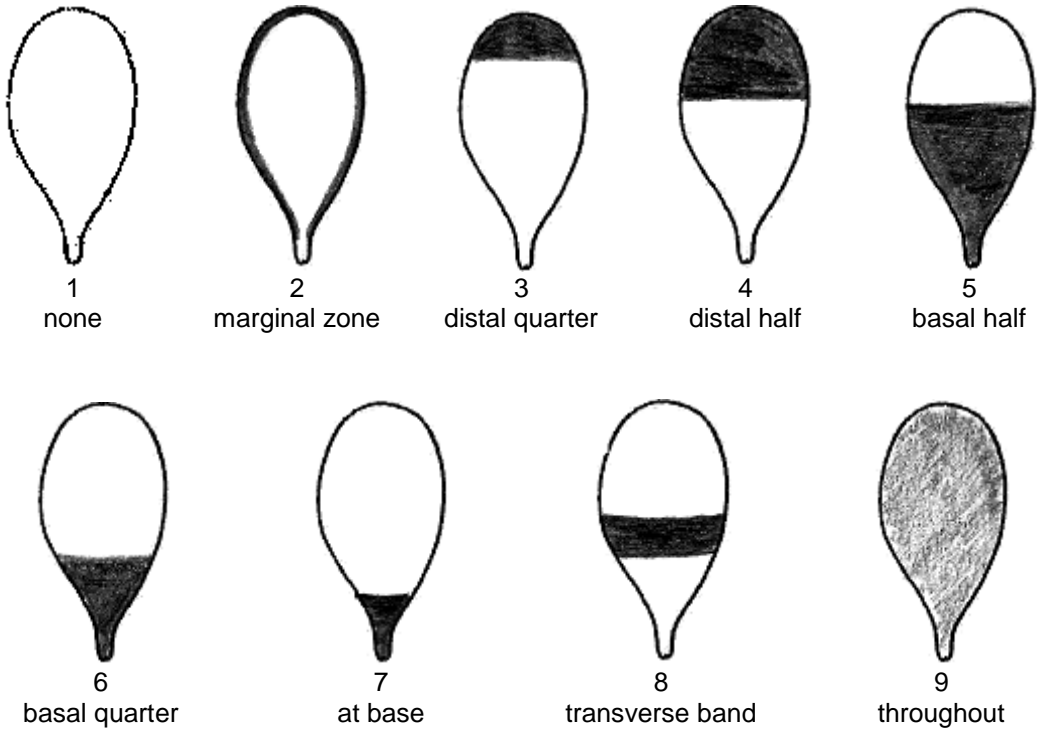
Ad. 37: Petal: length/width ratio



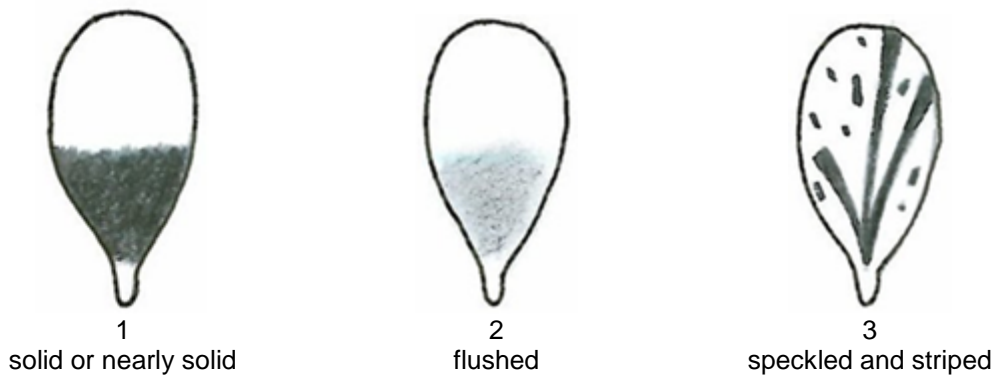
Ad. 38: Petal: shape of apex



Ad. 40: Petal: distribution of secondary color



Ad. 42: Petal: pattern of secondary color



Ad. 43: Petal: distribution of tertiary color

See Ad. 40

Ad. 45: Petal: pattern of tertiary color

See Ad. 42

Ad. 46: Petal: conspicuousness of veins

The conspicuousness is defined as the contrast between the color of the petal and the color of the veins. A greater contrast in color will give stronger conspicuousness of the veins.



1
very weak



2
weak



3
medium



4
strong



5
very strong

Ad. 47: Petal: distribution of conspicuous veins

The characteristic should only be observed when the conspicuousness of veins (Characteristic 46) is weak or higher. Only the conspicuous part of the veins should be considered.



1
distal quarter



2
distal half



3
distal three quarters



4
middle part



5
basal three quarters



6
basal half



7
basal quarter



8
throughout

Ad. 48: Petal: color of veins

The characteristic should only be observed when the conspicuousness of veins (Characteristic 46) is weak or higher. Only the conspicuous part of the veins should be considered.

9. Literature

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10. Technical Questionnaire

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	Application date: (not to be filled in by the applicant)
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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="Geranium L."/>
1.2	Common name	<input type="text" value="Hardy Geranium"/>
1.3	Species (please specify):	<input type="text"/>
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"/>

#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.

4.2 Method of propagating the variety

4.2.1 Vegetative propagation

- (a) Cuttings
- (b) *In vitro* propagation
- (c) Other (state method)

4.2.2 Seed

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 Varieties	Note
5.1 Plant: habit (1)		
upright		1 []
semi-upright	Midnightlyona	2 []
spreading	Gerwat	3 []
horizontal	Noorthava	4 []
5.2 Plant: height (3)		
very short	Thunder Cloud	1 []
very short to short		2 []
short	Noorthava	3 []
short to medium		4 []
medium	Catherine Deneuve	5 []
medium to tall		6 []
tall	Samobor	7 []
tall to very tall		8 []
very tall		9 []
5.3(i) Leaf: main color (8)		
RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)		
5.3(ii) Leaf: main color (8)		
whitish	Springtime	1 []
green	Catherine Deneuve	2 []
purplish or brownish green		3 []
yellow green	Ann Folkard	4 []
yellow	Blogold	5 []
purple		6 []
brownish purple	Midnight Reiter	7 []
brownish	Espresso	8 []
reddish brown		9 []

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Characteristics	Example Varieties	Note
5.4 Leaf: secondary color (9)		
none		1 []
whitish	Jester's Jacket	2 []
light green	Noorthava	3 []
medium green	Springtime	4 []
dark green		5 []
yellow green	Margaret Wilson	6 []
grey green		7 []
yellow	Spring Fling	8 []
pink		9 []
red		10 []
purple		11 []
brownish purple		12 []
brownish	Samobor	13 []
reddish brown	Katherine Adele	14 []
5.5 Leaf: distribution of secondary color (10)		
on margin		1 []
marginal zone	Springtime	2 []
central zone	Katherine Adele	3 []
intermediate zone	Samobor	4 []
at sinus		5 []
throughout	Jester's Jacket	6 []
5.6 Flower: attitude (29)		
upwards		1 []
slightly outwards	Gerwat	2 []
strongly outwards	Midnightlyona	3 []
downwards		4 []
5.7 Flower: type (30)		
single	Gerwat	1 []
double	Gernic	2 []

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Characteristics	Example Varieties	Note
5.8 Flower: diameter (31)		
very small		1 []
very small to small		2 []
small	Melody	3 []
small to medium		4 []
medium	Noorthava	5 []
medium to large		6 []
large	Ivan	7 []
large to very large		8 []
very large	Philippe Vapelle	9 []
5.9(i) Petal: main color (39)		
RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)		
5.9(ii) Petal: main color (39)		
white	Midnightlyona	1 []
light pink	Purple Passion	2 []
medium pink	Blushing Turtle	3 []
dark pink	Noortijras	4 []
orange red	Noortijcor	5 []
red purple	Catherine Deneuve	6 []
purple		7 []
violet	Havana Blues	8 []
blue	Gerwat	9 []
reddish brown	Samobor	10 []
5.10(i) Petal: secondary color (41)		
RHS Colour Chart (indicate reference number)		
5.10(ii) Petal: secondary color (41)		
white	Gerwat	1 []
pink	Clos du Coudray	2 []
red purple		3 []
violet		4 []
blue	Striatum	5 []
purple black	Catherine Deneuve	6 []

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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
<i>Example</i>	<i>Petal: conspicuousness of veins</i>	<i>medium</i>	<i>very strong</i>

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Comments:

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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

A representative color photograph of the variety displaying its main distinguishing feature(s), should accompany the Technical Questionnaire. The photograph will provide a visual illustration of the candidate variety which supplements the information provided in the Technical Questionnaire.

The key points to consider when taking a photograph of the candidate variety are:

- Indication of the date and geographic location
- Correct labeling (breeder's reference)
- Good quality printed photograph (minimum 10 cm x 15 cm) and/or sufficient resolution electronic format version (minimum 960 x 1280 pixels)"

Further guidance on providing photographs with the Technical Questionnaire is available in document TGP/7 "Development of Test Guidelines", Guidance Note 35 (<http://www.upov.int/tgp/en/>).

[The link provided may be deleted by members of the Union when developing authorities' own test guidelines.]

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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".

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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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