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**RYEGRASS**

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*Lolium* spp.

**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>Lolium perenne</i> L.	Perennial ryegrass	Ray-grass anglais	Deutsches Weidelgras	Ballico perenne, Raygrás inglés
<i>Lolium multiflorum</i> Lam. ssp. <i>italicum</i> (A. Br.) Volkart; <i>Lolium multiflorum</i> Lam. ssp. <i>non alternativum</i> .	Italian ryegrass	Ray-grass d'Italie	Welsches Weidelgras, Italienisches Raygras	Ballico italiano, Raygrás italiano
<i>Lolium multiflorum</i> Lam. var. <i>westerwoldicum</i> Wittm; <i>Lolium multiflorum</i> Lam. ssp. <i>alternativum</i> .	Westerwolds ryegrass	Ray-grass Westerwold	Einjähriges Weidelgras	Raigrás de Westerwold
<i>Lolium boucheanum</i> Kunth; <i>Lolium ×hybridum</i> Hausskn.	Hybrid ryegrass	Ray-grass hybride	Bastardweidelgras, Oldenburgisches Weidelgras	Ballico híbrido, Raygrás híbrido
<i>Lolium rigidum</i> Gaudin.	Stiff darnel, Wimmera ryegrass	Ray-grass rigide	Steifer Lolch	Raygrás rígido

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 guidelines ("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](http://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 *Lolium perenne* L., *Lolium multiflorum* Lam. ssp. *italicum* (A. Br.) Volkart, *Lolium multiflorum* Lam. var. *westerwoldicum*, *Lolium boucheanum* Kunth. and *Lolium rigidum* Gaudin.

2. Material Required

2.1 The competent authorities decide on the quantity and quality of the plant material required for testing the variety and when and where it is to be delivered. Applicants submitting material from a State other than that in which the testing takes place must ensure that all customs formalities and phytosanitary requirements are complied with.

2.2 The material is to be supplied in the form of seed.

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

1.5 kg.

The seed should meet the minimum requirements for germination, species and analytical purity, health and moisture content, specified by the competent authority. In cases where the seed is to be stored, the germination capacity should be as high as possible and should be stated by the applicant.

2.4 The plant material supplied should be visibly healthy, not lacking in vigor, nor affected by any important pest or disease.

2.5 The plant material should not have undergone any treatment which would affect the expression of the characteristics of the variety, unless the competent authorities allow or request such treatment. If it has been treated, full details of the treatment must be given.

3. Method of Examination

3.1 *Number of Growing Cycles*

The minimum duration of tests should normally be two independent growing cycles.

3.2 *Testing Place*

Tests are normally conducted at one place. In the case of tests conducted at more than one place, guidance is provided in TGP/9 "Examining Distinctness".

3.3 *Conditions for Conducting the Examination*

3.3.1 The tests should be carried out under conditions ensuring satisfactory growth for the expression of the relevant characteristics of the variety and for the conduct of the examination.

3.3.2 The optimum stage of development for the assessment of each characteristic is indicated by a number in the second column of the Table of Characteristics. The stages of development denoted by each number are described at the end of Chapter 8.

3.3.3 The recommended method of observing the characteristic is indicated by the following key in the second column of the Table of Characteristics:

MG: single measurement of a group of plants or parts of plants  
MS: measurement of a number of individual plants or parts of plants  
VG: visual assessment by a single observation of a group of plants or parts of plants  
VS: visual assessment by observation of individual plants or parts of plants

3.3.4 The recommended type of plot in which to observe the characteristic is indicated by the following key in the second column of the Table of Characteristics:

A: spaced plants  
B: row plot  
C: special test

#### 3.4 *Test Design*

3.4.1 Each test should be designed to result in a total of at least 60 spaced plants which should be divided between at least 2 replicates. In addition, the test may include 8 meters of row plot which should be divided between at least 2 replicates. The density of the seed should be such that around 200 plants/meter can be expected.

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 *Number of Plants / Parts of Plants to be Examined*

3.5.1 Unless otherwise indicated, all observations on single plants should be made on 60 plants or parts taken from each of 60 plants and any other observations made on all plants in the test. 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 1.

#### 3.6 *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.

### 4.2 *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 should be according to the recommendations for cross-pollinated varieties in the General Introduction.

### 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 tested 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:

*Lolium multiflorum* Lam. var. *westerwoldicum* and *Lolium rigidum* Gaudin.:

- (a) Plant: ploidy (characteristic 1)
- (b) Only varieties of Lmw and Lr: Plant: time of inflorescence emergence (without vernalization) (characteristic 9)
- (c) Plant: length of longest stem, inflorescence included (when fully expanded) (characteristic 17)

*Lolium perenne* L., *Lolium multiflorum* Lam. ssp. *italicum* (A. Br.) Volkart and *Lolium boucheanum* Kunth.

- (a) Plant: ploidy (characteristic 1)
- (b) Only varieties of Lp, Lmi and Lb: Plant: time of inflorescence emergence (after vernalization) (characteristic 11)
- (c) Plant: length of longest stem, inflorescence included (when fully expanded) (characteristic 17)

5.4 Guidance for the use of grouping characteristics, in the process of examining distinctness, is provided through the General Introduction.

## 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*

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.

### 6.3 *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*

6.4.1 Where appropriate, example varieties are provided to clarify the states of expression of each characteristic.

6.4.2 Species of example varieties

- (Lp): *Lolium perenne* L.
- (Lmi): *Lolium multiflorum* Lam. *italicum* (A. Br.) Volkart
- (Lmw): *Lolium multiflorum* Lam. var. *westerwoldicum* Wittm
- (Lb): *Lolium boucheanum* Kunth.
- (Lr): *Lolium rigidum* Gaudin.

### 6.5 Legend

(\*) Asterisked characteristic – see Chapter 6.1.2

QL: Qualitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3

QN: Quantitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3

PQ: Pseudo-qualitative characteristic – see Chapter 6.3

MG, MS, VG, VS: see Chapter 3.3.3

A, B, C: see Chapter 3.3.4

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

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

(Lp): *Lolium perenne* L. – See Chapter 6.4.2

(Lmi): *Lolium multiflorum* Lam. *italicum* (A. Br.) Volkart – See Chapter 6.4.2

(Lmw): *Lolium multiflorum* Lam. var. *westerwoldicum* Wittm – See Chapter 6.4.2

(Lb): *Lolium boucheanum* Kunth. – See Chapter 6.4.2

(Lr): *Lolium rigidum* Gaudin. – See Chapter 6.4.2

(10)-(68) See Explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter 8.3.

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

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
<b>1. C</b>	<b>Plant: ploidy</b>	<b>Plante: ploïdie</b>	<b>Pflanze: Ploidie</b>	<b>Planta: ploidía</b>		
(*) (+)						
<b>QL</b>	diploid	diploïde	diploid	diploïde	Denver (Lp), Lemtal (Lmi)	2
	tetraploid	tétraploïde	tetraploid	tetraploïde	Celebrity (Lmi), Condesa (Lp)	4
<b>2. 20-29</b>	<b>Plant: vegetative growth habit (without vernalization)</b>	<b>Plante: port au stade de la croissance végétative (sans vernalisation)</b>	<b>Pflanze: vegetative Wuchsform (ohne Vernalisation)</b>	<b>Planta: hábito de crecimiento vegetativo (sin vernalización)</b>		
<b>VS A/ VG B</b>						
<b>QN (a)</b>	erect	dressé	aufrecht	erecto		1
	semi-erect	demi dressé	halbaufrecht	semierecto	Lemtal (Lmi), Yatsyn (Lp)	3
	medium	intermédiaire	mittel	medio	Jumbo (Lp), Limeta (Lmi)	5
	semi-prostrate	demi-étalé	halbliiegend	semipostrado	Condesa (Lp)	7
	prostrate	étalé	liegend	postrado		9
<b>3. 20-29</b>	<b>Leaf: length (at vegetative stage)</b>	<b>Feuille: longueur (au stade végétatif)</b>	<b>Blatt: Länge (im vegetativen Stadium)</b>	<b>Hoja: longitud (en estado vegetativo)</b>		
<b>VG B</b>						
<b>QN</b>	very short	très courte	sehr kurz	muy corta		1
	short	courte	kurz	corta	Aragon (Lp)	3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Babylon (Lp)	5
	long	longue	lang	larga	Corona (Lp)	7
	very long	très longue	sehr lang	muy larga	Lipo (Lmi)	9



	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
<b>4.</b>	<b>20-29 VG B</b>	<b>Leaf: width (at vegetative stage)</b>	<b>Feuille: largeur (au stade végétatif)</b>	<b>Blatt: Breite (im vegetativen Stadium)</b>	<b>Hoja: anchura (en estado vegetativo)</b>	
<b>QN</b>	very narrow	très étroite	sehr schmal	muy estrecha		1
	narrow	étroite	schmal	estrecha	Aragon (Lp)	3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Mondial (Lp)	5
	broad	large	breit	ancha	Baroldi (Lmw), Veritas (Lp)	7
	very broad	très large	sehr breit	muy ancha	Lipo (Lmi), Promenade (Lmw)	9
<b>5.</b>	<b>20-29 VG B</b>	<b>Leaf: intensity of green color</b>	<b>Feuille: intensité de la couleur verte</b>	<b>Blatt: Intensität der Grünfärbung</b>	<b>Hoja: intensidad del color verde</b>	
<b>QN</b>	very light	très claire	sehr hell	muy claro		1
	light	claire	hell	claro	Abermont (Lp)	3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	medio	Bellem (Lmi), Melino (Lp)	5
	dark	foncée	dunkel	oscuro	Condesa (Lp)	7
	very dark	très foncée	sehr dunkel	muy oscuro	Avon (Lp)	9
<b>6.</b>	<b>30 MS A/ VS A</b>	<b>Plant: width (after vernalization)</b>	<b>Plante: largeur (après vernalisation)</b>	<b>Pflanze: Breite (nach der Vernalisation)</b>	<b>Planta: anchura (tras la vernalización)</b>	
<b>QN</b>	<b>(b)</b> very narrow	très étroite	sehr schmal	muy estrecha	Aberelf (Lp)	1
	narrow	étroite	schmal	estrecha	Disco (Lp)	3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Abercomo (Lmi), Twystar (Lp)	5
	wide	large	breit	ancha	Prana (Lp), Solid (Lb)	7
	very wide	très large	sehr breit	muy ancha	Barylou (Lp)	9

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
<b>7. 30-39</b>	<b>Plant: vegetative growth habit (after vernalization)</b>	<b>Plante: port à l'état végétatif (après vernalisation)</b>	<b>Pflanze: vegetative Wuchsform (nach der Vernalisation)</b>	<b>Planta: hábito de crecimiento vegetativo (tras la vernalización)</b>		
<b>QN (a)</b>	erect	dressé	aufrecht	erecto		1
	semi-erect	demi dressé	halbaufrecht	semierecto	Grasslands Nui (Lp), Lemtal (Lmi)	3
	medium	intermédiaire	mittel	medio	Palmer (Lp), Texy (Lb)	5
	semi-prostrate	demi étalé	halbliiegend	semipostrado	Cheops (Lp), Polly (Lb)	7
	prostrate	étalé	liegend	postrado		9
<b>8. 30-39</b>	<b>Plant: height (after vernalization)</b>	<b>Plante: hauteur (après vernalisation)</b>	<b>Pflanze: Höhe (nach der Vernalisation)</b>	<b>Planta: altura (tras la vernalización)</b>		
<b>QN</b>	very short	très basse	sehr niedrig	muy baja		1
	short	basse	niedrig	baja	Polarstar (Lp)	3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Fennema (Lp)	5
	tall	haute	hoch	alta	Fox (Lmi)	7
	very tall	très haute	sehr hoch	muy alta		9
<b>9. 50</b>	<b><u>Only varieties of MS A/ MG B</u></b>	<b><u>Seulement les variétés de Lmw et Lr:</u></b>	<b><u>Nur Sorten von Lmw und Lr:</u></b>	<b><u>Sólo las variedades de Lmw y Lr:</u></b>		
<b>(*)</b>	<b>Plant: time of inflorescence emergence (without vernalization)</b>	<b>Plante: époque d'épiaison (sans vernalisation)</b>	<b>Pflanze: Zeitpunkt des Erscheinens der Blütenstände (ohne Vernalisation)</b>	<b>Planta: época de emergencia de las inflorescencias (sin vernalización)</b>		
<b>QN (c)</b>	very early	très précoce	sehr früh	muy temprana	Grazer (Lmw)	1
	early	précoce	früh	temprana	Lifloria (Lmw)	3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Elunaria (Lmw)	5
	late	tardive	spät	tardía	Advance (Lmw)	7
	very late	très tardive	sehr spät	muy tardía		9

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota	
<b>10.</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>Plant: tendency to form inflorescences (without vernalization)</b>	<b>Plante: tendance à former des inflorescences (sans vernalisation)</b>	<b>Pflanze: Neigung zur Bildung von Blütenständen (ohne Vernalisation)</b>	<b>Planta: tendencia a formar inflorescencias (sin vernalización)</b>		
(+)	VG B						
<b>QN</b>	absent or very weak	absente ou très faible	fehlend oder sehr gering	ausente o muy débil	Bargold (Lp), Barmultra (Lmi)	1	
	weak	faible	gering	débil	Vital (Lp)	3	
	medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Faveur (Lp)	5	
	strong	forte	stark	fuerte	Lemtal (Lmi)	7	
	very strong	très forte	sehr stark	muy fuerte	Weldra (Lmw)	9	
<b>11.</b>	<b>50</b>	<b><u>Only varieties of Lp, Lmi and Lb:</u> Plant: time of inflorescence emergence (after vernalization)</b>	<b><u>Seulement les variétés de Lp, Lmi et Lb:</u> Plante: époque d'épiaison (après vernalisation)</b>	<b><u>Nur Sorten von Lp, Lmi und Lb:</u> Pflanze: Zeitpunkt des Erscheinens der Blütenstände (nach der Vernalisation)</b>	<b><u>Sólo las variedades de Lp, Lmi y Lb:</u> Planta: época de emergencia de las inflorescencias (tras la vernalización)</b>		
(*)	MS A/ MG B						
<b>QN</b>	(c)	very early	très précoce	sehr früh	muy temprana	Limona (Lp)	1
		early	précoce	früh	temprana	Labrador (Lp)	3
		medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Greenway (Lp), Lemtal (Lmi)	5
		late	tardive	spät	tardía	Livonne (Lp)	7
		very late	très tardive	sehr spät	muy tardía	Barpolo (Lp)	9
<b>12.</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>Plant: natural height at inflorescence emergence</b>	<b>Plante: hauteur naturelle à l'épiaison</b>	<b>Pflanze: Wuchshöhe bei Erscheinen der Blütenstände</b>	<b>Planta: altura al despuntar las inflorescencias</b>		
MS A							
<b>QN</b>	(d)	very short	très basse	sehr niedrig	muy baja	Loretta (Lp)	1
		short	basse	niedrig	baja	Superstar (Lp)	3
		medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Polly (Lb)	5
		tall	haute	hoch	alta	Lemtal (Lmi)	7
		very tall	très haute	sehr hoch	muy alta		9

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota	
<b>13.</b>	<b>50</b> MS A/ VS A	<b>Plant: width at inflorescence emergence</b>	<b>Plante: largeur à l'épiaison</b>	<b>Pflanze: Breite bei Erscheinen der Blütenstände</b>	<b>Planta: anchura a la emergencia de las inflorescencias</b>		
<b>QN</b>	<b>(b)</b>	very narrow	très étroite	sehr schmal	muy estrecha	Brightstar (Lp)	1
		narrow	étroite	schmal	estrecha	Lemtal (Lmi), Navajo (Lp)	3
		medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Monarque (Lmi), Vital (Lp)	5
		wide	large	breit	ancha	Moronda (Lp), Skipper (Lb)	7
		very wide	très large	sehr breit	muy ancha	Fanal (Lp)	9
<b>14.</b>	<b>50</b> (* ) MS A	<b>Flag leaf: length</b>	<b>Dernière feuille: longueur</b>	<b>Fahnenblatt: Länge</b>	<b>Última hoja: longitud</b>		
<b>QN</b>	<b>(d)</b>	very short	très courte	sehr kurz	muy corta	Brightstar (Lp)	1
		short	courte	kurz	corta	Sauvignon (Lp)	3
		medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Abergold (Lp), Brutus (Lb) Fastyl (Lmi)	5
		long	longue	lang	larga	Aberlinnet (Lb), Twins (Lp)	7
		very long	très longue	sehr lang	muy larga	Cyrano (Lmi)	9
<b>15.</b>	<b>50</b> (* ) MS A	<b>Flag leaf: width</b>	<b>Dernière feuille: largeur</b>	<b>Fahnenblatt: Breite</b>	<b>Última hoja: anchura</b>		
<b>QN</b>	<b>(d)</b>	very narrow	très étroite	sehr schmal	muy estrecha	Bargold (Lp)	1
		narrow	étroite	schmal	estrecha	Profit (Lp)	3
		medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Limona (Lp)	5
		broad	large	breit	ancha	Eurostar (Lp), Skipper (Lb)	7
		very broad	très large	sehr breit	muy ancha	Lipo (Lmi)	9

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
<b>16.</b>	<b>50 MS A</b>	<b>Flag leaf: length/width ratio</b>	<b>Dernière feuille: rapport longueur/largeur</b>	<b>Fahnenblatt: Verhältnis Länge/Breite</b>	<b>Última hoja: relación longitud/anchura</b>	
<b>QN</b>	<b>(d)</b>	very low	très faible	sehr klein	muy baja	1
		low	faible	klein	baja	Howard (Lmi) 3
		medium	moyen	mittel	media	Fabio (Lmi), Mondial (Lp) 5
		high	élevé	groß	alta	Veritas (Lp) 7
		very high	très élevé	sehr groß	muy alta	9
<b>17.</b>	<b>60-68 MS A</b>	<b>Plant: length of longest stem, inflorescence included (when fully expanded)</b>	<b>Plante: longueur de la tige la plus longue, inflorescence incluse (à complet développement)</b>	<b>Pflanze: Länge des längsten Halms, einschließlich Blütenstand (wenn voll ausgebildet)</b>	<b>Planta: longitud del tallo más largo, incluidas las inflorescencias (cuando están completamente desarrolladas)</b>	
<b>QN</b>	<b>(e)</b>	very short	très courte	sehr kurz	muy corta	1
		short	courte	kurz	corta	Loretta (Lp) 3
		medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Lipondo (Lp) 5
		long	longue	lang	larga	Lilotta (Lp) 7
		very long	très longue	sehr lang	muy larga	Emily (Lmi) 9
<b>18.</b>	<b>60-68 MS A</b>	<b>Plant: length of upper internode</b>	<b>Plante: longueur du dernier entre-nœud</b>	<b>Pflanze: Länge des oberen Internodiums</b>	<b>Planta: longitud del entrenudo superior</b>	
<b>QN</b>	<b>(e)</b>	very short	très court	sehr kurz	muy corto	1
		short	court	kurz	corto	Adeline (Lp) 3
		medium	moyen	mittel	medio	Choice (Lp), Lemtal (Lmi) 5
		long	long	lang	largo	Montblanc (Lmi) 7
		very long	très long	sehr lang	muy largo	Lirasand (Lmw) 9

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
<b>19. 60-68 MS A</b>	<b>Inflorescence: length</b>	<b>Inflorescence: longueur</b>	<b>Blütenstand: Länge</b>	<b>Inflorescencia: longitud</b>		
<b>QN (e)</b>	very short	très courte	sehr kurz	muy corta	Sunbright (Lp)	1
	short	courte	kurz	corta	Alamo (Lmi), Bargold (Lp)	3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Taurus (Lp), Vigor (Lp)	5
	long	longue	lang	larga	Lilotta (Lp)	7
	very long	très longue	sehr lang	muy larga		9
<b>20. 60-68 MS A</b>	<b>Inflorescence: number of spikelets</b>	<b>Inflorescence: nombre d'épillets</b>	<b>Blütenstand: Anzahl Ährchen</b>	<b>Inflorescencia: cantidad de espiguillas</b>		
<b>QN (e)</b>	very few	très petit	sehr gering	muy baja		1
	few	petit	gering	baja	Abersprite (Lp)	3
	medium	moyen	mittel	media	Acento (Lp), Lemtal (Lmi)	5
	many	grand	groß	alta	Lipo (Lmi)	7
	very many	très grand	sehr groß	muy alta		9
<b>21. 60-68 MS A (+)</b>	<b>Inflorescence: density</b>	<b>Inflorescence: densité</b>	<b>Blütenstand: Dichte</b>	<b>Inflorescencia: densidad</b>		
<b>QN (e)</b>	very lax	très lâche	sehr locker	muy laxa		1
	lax	lâche	locker	laxa	Concord (Lmi)	3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Meritra (Lmi), Montagne (Lp)	5
	dense	dense	dicht	densa	Bastion (Lp)	7
	very dense	très dense	sehr dicht	muy densa		9

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties/ Exemples/ Beispielssorten/ Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
<b>22. 60-68 MS A</b>	<b>Inflorescence: length of outer glume on basal spikelet</b>	<b>Inflorescence: longueur de la glume externe sur l'épillet basal</b>	<b>Blütenstand: Länge der äußeren Spelze am basalen Ährchen</b>	<b>Inflorescencia: longitud del gluma externo de la espiguilla basal</b>		
<b>QN (e)</b>	very short	très courte	sehr kurz	muy corta	Abercomo (Lmi)	1
	short	courte	kurz	corta	Prestyl (Lmi)	3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Fennema (Lp), Gazella (Lb)	5
	long	longue	lang	larga	Meradonna (Lp), Taxy (Lb)	7
	very long	très longue	sehr lang	muy larga	Bastion (Lp)	9
<b>23. 60-68 MS A</b>	<b>Inflorescence: length of basal spikelet excluding awn</b>	<b>Inflorescence: longueur de l'épillet basal, barbe exclue</b>	<b>Blütenstand: Länge des basalen Ährchens ohne Granne</b>	<b>Inflorescencia: longitud de la espiguilla basal excluida la arista</b>		
<b>QN (e)</b>	very short	très court	sehr kurz	muy corta	Abercomo (Lmi)	1
	short	court	kurz	corta	Bartissimo (Lmi), Sunbright (Lp)	3
	medium	moyen	mittel	media	Barprisma (Lmi), Pippin (Lp)	5
	long	long	lang	larga	Herbus (Lp), Storm (Lb)	7
	very long	très long	sehr lang	muy larga	Bastion (Lp)	9

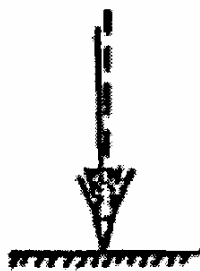
8. Explanations on the Table of Characteristics

8.1 *Explanations covering several characteristics*

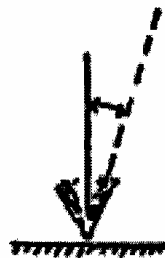
(a) Growth habit

Characteristic 2 may be recorded during the growing season in which the trials are planted.

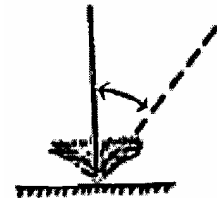
The observations should be made visually from the attitude of the leaves of the plant as a whole. The angle formed by the imaginary line through the region of greatest leaf density and the vertical should be used.



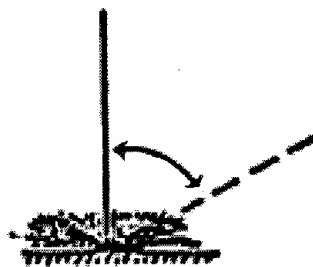
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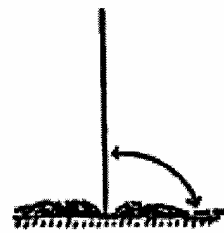
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semi-erect



5  
medium



7  
semi-prostrate



9  
prostrate

(b) Plant: width

To allow for irregular plant shapes (for example due to wind shaping effects) the plant width is determined by taking two measurements (MS A) or by making two visual observations (VS A) of the diameter across the plant at right angles to each other and then using the average of these two figures as the plant width.



(c) Time of inflorescence emergence

Timing of observations will depend upon the time of planting. Spaced plants or row plots should be observed at least twice per week.

Plots with spaced plants

The time of inflorescence emergence of each single plant should be observed. A single plant is considered to have headed when the tip of three inflorescences can be seen protruding from the flag leaf sheath (Growth Stage DC 50). From the single plant data, a mean date per plot and a mean date per variety is obtained.

Row plots

The time of inflorescence emergence is the date at which the average plot stage DC 54 has been reached. This date should – if necessary – be obtained by interpolation. At each observation date, the average plot stage should be expressed in one of the following growth stages:

DC 50	First spikelet of inflorescence just visible
DC 52	25% of the inflorescence emerged (across all stems)
DC 54	50% of the inflorescence emerged (across all stems)
DC 56	75% of the inflorescence emerged (across all stems)

(d) To be recorded on each individual plant at the time of inflorescence emergence (Growth Stage DC 50), that is at the same time as Characteristic 9 for *Lolium multiflorum* Lam. var. *westerwoldicum* and *Lolium rigidum* Gaudin. and Characteristic 11 for *Lolium perenne* L., *Lolium multiflorum* Lam. ssp. *italicum* (A. Br.) Volkart and *Lolium boucheanum* Kunth.

(e) Observations should be made on the longest stem.

## 8.2 *Explanations for individual characteristics*

### Ad. 1: Plant: ploidy

The ploidy of the plant can be determined either by standard cytological methods or by observing the occurrence of 5-band genotypes (which are present only in tetraploid varieties) in phosphoglucosomerase (PGI) isoenzyme electrophoresis.

### Ad. 10: Plant: tendency to form inflorescences (without vernalization)

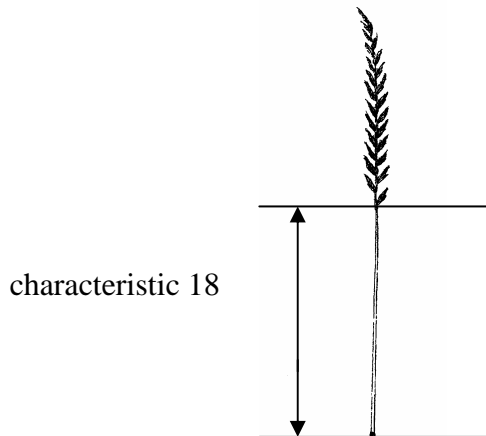
The number of plants showing at least three inflorescences should be recorded for each variety. To be assessed on one occasion on the whole trial when the varieties are judged to have reached their full expression of this characteristic.

Ad. 17: Plant: length of longest stem, inflorescence included (when fully expanded)

To be recorded in the field from ground level, when the inflorescence is fully expanded.

Ad. 18: Plant: length of upper internode

To be measured from the top node to the base of the inflorescence.



Ad. 21: Inflorescence: density

This characteristic is calculated by dividing characteristic 19 (Inflorescence: length) by characteristic 20 (Inflorescence: number of spikelets)

*8.3 Growth stages for grasses*

All characteristics should be recorded at the appropriate time for the plant concerned. Growth stages of grasses are indicated by decimal codes which are derived from the decimal code for the growth stages of cereals (Zadoks, et al., 1974). This decimal code is in close conformity with the BBCH-code (Meier, 1997).

*Seedling growth (seedling: one shoot)*

- DC 10 First leaf through coleoptile
- DC 15 Five leaves unfolded
- DC 19 Nine or more leaves unfolded

*Tillering*

- DC 20 Main shoot only (beginning of tillering)
- DC 23 Main shoot and 3 tillers
- DC 25 Main shoot and 5 tillers
- DC 29 Main shoot and 9 or more tillers

*Stem elongation*

- DC 30 Pseudo-stem erection (formed by sheaths of leaves).
- DC 31 First node detectable (early stem extension across all stems)
- DC 35 Fifth node detectable (50 % extension across all stems)
- DC 39 Flag leaf ligula/collar just visible (pre-boot stage)

*Booting*

- DC 41 Flag leaf sheath extending (little enlargement of the inflorescence, early boot-stage)
- DC 45 Boots swollen (late-boot stage)
- DC 47 First leaf sheath opening
- DC 49 first awns visible (in awned forms only)

*Inflorescence emergence (mostly non-synchronous)*

- DC 50 First spikelet of inflorescence just visible
- DC 52 25 % of the inflorescence emerged (across all stems)
- DC 54 50 % of the inflorescence emerged (across all stems)
- DC 56 75 % of the inflorescence emerged (across all stems)
- DC 58 Emergence of inflorescence completed

*Anthesis (mostly non-synchronous)*

- DC 60 Beginning of anthesis
- DC 64 Anthesis half-way
- DC 68 Anthesis complete

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10. Technical Questionnaire

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<b>TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE</b> to be completed in connection with an application for plant breeders' rights		
1. Subject of the Technical Questionnaire (please indicate the relevant species):		
1.1.1 Botanical Name	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Lolium perenne L."/>	[ ]
1.1.2 Common Name	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Perennial ryegrass"/>	
1.2.1 Botanical Name	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Lolium multiflorum Lam. ssp. italicum (A. Br.)&lt;br/&gt;Volkart&lt;br/&gt;(Lolium multiflorum Lam. ssp. non alternativum)"/>	[ ]
1.2.2 Common Name	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Italian ryegrass"/>	
1.3.1 Botanical Name	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Lolium multiflorum Lam. var. westerwoldicum&lt;br/&gt;Wittm.&lt;br/&gt;(Lolium multiflorum Lam. ssp. alternativum)"/>	[ ]
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1.5.2 Common Name	<input style="width: 90%;" type="text" value="Stiff darnel, Wimmera ryegrass"/>	
2. Applicant		
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Breeder (if different from applicant)	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	

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3. Proposed denomination and breeder's reference

Proposed denomination   
(if available)

Breeder's reference

#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)

(b) partially known cross   
(please state known parent variety(ies))

(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)

4.2 Method of propagating the variety

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# Authorities may allow certain parts of this information to be given in a confidential section of the Technical Questionnaire.

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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
<b>5.1 Plant: ploidy (1)</b>		
diploid	Denver (Lp), Lemtal (Lmi)	2[ ]
tetraploid	Celebrity (Lmi), Condesa (Lp)	4[ ]
<b>5.2 <u>Only varieties of Lmw and Lr:</u> Plant: time of inflorescence emergence (9) (without vernalization)</b>		
very early	Grazer (Lmw)	1[ ]
early	Lifloria (Lmw)	3[ ]
medium	Elunaria (Lmw)	5[ ]
late	Advance (Lmw)	7[ ]
very late		9[ ]
<b>5.3 <u>Only varieties of Lp, Lmi and Lb:</u> Plant: time of inflorescence (11) emergence (after vernalization)</b>		
very early	Limona (Lp)	1[ ]
early	Labrador (Lp)	3[ ]
medium	Greenway (Lp), Lemtal (Lmi)	5[ ]
late	Livonne (Lp)	7[ ]
very late	Barpolo (Lp)	9[ ]

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Characteristics	Example Varieties	Note
<b>5.4 Plant: length of longest stem, inflorescence included (when fully expanded)</b> (17)		
very short		1[ ]
short	Loretta (Lp)	3[ ]
medium	Lipondo (Lp)	5[ ]
long	Lilotta (Lp)	7[ ]
very long	Emily (Lmi)	9[ ]

6. Similar varieties and differences from these varieties

*Please use the table, and space provided for comments, below to provide information on how your candidate variety differs from the variety (or varieties) which, to the best of your knowledge, is (or are) most similar. This information may help the examination authority to conduct its examination of distinctness in a more efficient way.*

Denomination(s) of variety(ies) similar to your candidate variety	Characteristic(s) in which your candidate variety differs from the similar variety(ies)	Describe the expression of the characteristic(s) for the <b>similar</b> variety(ies)	Describe the expression of the characteristic(s) for <b>your</b> candidate variety
<i>Example</i>	<i>Plant: length of longest stem, inflorescence included (when fully expanded)</i>	<i>short</i>	<i>medium</i>

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 Main use

(a) forage [ ]

(b) amenity [ ]

(c) other [ ]

(please provide details)

7.4 Other information

8. Authorization for release

(a) Does the variety require prior authorization for release under legislation concerning the protection of the environment, human and animal health?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

(b) Has such authorization been obtained?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

If the answer to (b) is yes, please attach a copy of the authorization.

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

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9. Information on plant material to be examined or submitted for examination.

9.1 The expression of a characteristic or several characteristics of a variety may be affected by factors, such as pests and disease, chemical treatment (e.g. growth retardants or pesticides), effects of tissue culture, different rootstocks, scions taken from different growth phases of a tree, etc.

9.2 The plant material should not have undergone any treatment which would affect the expression of the characteristics of the variety, unless the competent authorities allow or request such treatment. If the plant material has undergone such treatment, full details of the treatment must be given. In this respect, please indicate below, to the best of your knowledge, if the plant material to be examined has been subjected to:

- |   |         |        |
|---|---------|--------|
| (a) Microorganisms (e.g. virus, bacteria, phytoplasma)    | Yes [ ] | No [ ] |
| (b) Chemical treatment (e.g. growth retardant, pesticide) | Yes [ ] | No [ ] |
| (c) Tissue culture  | Yes [ ] | No [ ] |
| (d) Other factors   | Yes [ ] | No [ ] |

Please provide details 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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