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LENTIL*(Lens culinaris Medik.)*

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**GUIDELINES
FOR THE CONDUCT OF TESTS
FOR DISTINCTNESS, UNIFORMITY AND STABILITY**

Alternative Names:^{*}

Latin	English	French	German	Spanish
<i>Lens culinaris</i> Medik.	Lentil	Lentille	Linse	Lenteja

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

These guidelines should be read in conjunction with document TG/1/3, “General Introduction to the Examination of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability and the Development of Harmonized Descriptions of New Varieties of Plants” (hereinafter referred to as 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 *Lens culinaris* Medik.

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:

500 g or at least 10,000 seeds.

2.4 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.

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

2.6 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 *Duration of Tests*

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

3.2 *Testing Place*

The tests should normally be conducted at one place. If any characteristics of the variety, which are relevant for the examination of DUS, cannot be seen at that place, the variety may be tested at an additional place.

3.3 *Conditions for Conducting the Examination*

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

3.4 Test Design

3.4.1 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.

3.4.2 Each test should be designed to result in a total of at least 100 plants, which should be divided between two or more replicates.

3.5 Number of Plants / Parts of Plants to be Examined

Unless otherwise indicated, all observations should be made on 20 plants or parts taken from each of 20 plants.

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 minimum duration of tests recommended in section 3.1 reflects, in general, the need to ensure that any differences in a characteristic are sufficiently consistent.

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. For the assessment of uniformity a population standard of 1% and an acceptance probability of at least 95% should be applied. In the case of a sample of 100 plants 3 off-types are 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 tested, either by growing a further generation, or by testing a new seed or plant stock to ensure that it exhibits the same characteristics as those shown by the previous 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 is 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) Cotyledon: color (characteristic 1);
- (b) Plant: anthocyanin coloration (characteristic 3);
- (c) Flower: color of standard (characteristic 12);
- (d) Dry seed: number of colors (characteristic 23);
- (e) Dry seed: main color of testa (characteristic 24).

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*

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

6.5 *Legend*

- (*) Asterisked characteristic – see Section 6.1.2
- (+) See Explanations on the Table of Characteristics in Chapter 8.

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

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
1. (*)	Cotyledon: color	Cotyledon : couleur	Keimblatt: Farbe	Cotiledón: color		
	orange	orange	orange	naranja	Lentillon rosé d'hiver, Rozovaya	1
	greenish yellow	jaune verdâtre	grünlichgelb	amarillo verdoso	Anicia, Mariette, Petrovskaya 4/105	2
	green	vert	grün	verde	Petrovskaya zelenozjornaya	3
2. (+)	Plant: habit	Plante : port	Pflanze: Wuchsform Planta: porte			
	erect	érigé	aufrecht	erecto	Petrovskaya 4/105	1
	semi erect	demi érigé	halbaufrecht	semierecto	Anicia	3
	horizontal	horizontal	waagerecht	horizontal	Cheephlic 7/76	5
3. (*)	Plant: anthocyanin coloration	Plante : pigmentation anthocyanique	Pflanze: Anthocyanfärbung	Planta: pigmentación antociánica		
	absent	absente	fehlend	ausente	PSE 2	1
	present	présente	vorhanden	presente	Anicia, Lentillon rosé d'hiver	9
4. (*)	Plant: height (at flowering)	Plante : hauteur (à la floraison)	Pflanze: Höhe (zum Zeitpunkt der Blüte)	Planta: altura (en floración)		
	short	basse	niedrig	baja	Lentillon rosé d'hiver	3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Anicia, Cheephlic 7/76	5
	tall	haute	hoch	alta	Mariette, Petrovskaya 4/105	7
	very tall	très haute	sehr hoch	muy alta	Vehovskaya	9
5.	Plant: intensity of ramification	Plante : intensité de la ramification	Pflanze: Stärke der Verzweigung	Planta: intensidad de ramificación		
	weak	faible	gering	débil	Vehovskaya	3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Cheephlic 7/76	5
	strong	forte	stark	fuerte		7

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplos	Note/ Nota
6.	Leaf: shape	Feuille : forme	Blatt: Form	Hoja: forma		
(+)						
	elliptic	elliptique	elliptisch	elíptica	Talinskaya 88	1
	ovate	ovale	oval	oval	Petrovskaya 4/105	2
	rectangular	rectangulaire	rechteckig	rectangular	Vehovskaya	3
7.	Leaf: intensity of green color	Feuille : intensité de la couleur verte	Blatt: Intensität der Grünfärbung	Hoja: intensidad del color verde		
	light	claire	hell	claro	Vehovskaya	3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	medio	Anicia	5
	dark	foncée	dunkel	oscuro	Lentillon rosé d'hiver, Petrovskaya zelenozjornaya	7
8.	Leaf: number of leaflets	Feuille : nombre de folioles	Blatt: Anzahl Fiederblätter	Hoja: número de foliolos		
	few	rares	gering	bajo		3
	medium	moyennes	mittel	medio		5
	many	nombreuses	groß	alto	Anicia, Lentillon rosé d'hiver	7
9.	Leaflet: size	Foliole : taille	Fiederblatt: Größe	Foliolo: tamaño		
	small	petite	klein	pequeño	Santa	3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	medio	Anicia	5
	large	grande	groß	grande	Lentillon rosé d'hiver	7
10.	Raceme: number of flowers per node	Grappe : nombre de fleurs par noeud	Blütenstand: Anzahl Blüten je Knoten	Racimo: número de flores por nudo		
	one	une	eine	uno		1
	one to two	une à deux	eine bis zwei	uno a dos		2
	two	deux	zwei	dos	Lentillon rosé d'hiver	3
	two to three	deux à trois	zwei bis drei	dos a tres	Anicia, Petrovskaya 4/105	4
	three	trois	drei	tres	Dora, Flora	5
	more than three	plus de trois	mehr als drei	más de tres	PSE 2	6

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplos	Note/ Nota
11.	Flower: size	Fleur : taille	Blüte: Größe	Flor: tamaño		
	small	petite	klein	pequeño		3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	medio		5
	large	grande	groß	grande	Petrovskaya 4/105	7
12. (*)	Flower: color of standard	Fleur : couleur de l'étandard	Blüte: Farbe der Fahne	Flor: color del estandarte		
	white	blanc	weiß	blanco	PSE 2	1
	pink	rose	rosa	rosa		2
	blue	bleu	blau	azul	Azer	3
13.	Flower: violet stripes of standard	Fleur : stries violette de l'étandard	Blüte: violette Streifen der Fahne	Flor: estrías violetas del estandarte		
	absent	absentes	fehlend	ausentes		1
	present	présentes	vorhanden	presentes	Anicia, Lentillon rosé d'hiver	9
14.	Flower: violet stripes of wings	Fleur : stries violette des ailes	Blüte: violette Streifen der Flügel	Flor: estrías violetas de las alas		
	absent	absentes	fehlend	ausentes	Anicia, Lentillon rosé d'hiver	1
	present	présentes	vorhanden	presentes	<i>Lens culinaris ssp. macrospurma</i>	9
15.	Pod: intensity of color (before dry harvest maturity)	Gousse : intensité de la couleur (avant la maturité de récolte sèche)	Hülse: Intensität der Farbe (vor der Trockenreife)	Vaina: intensidad del color (antes de la madurez para la cosecha de la vaina seca)		
	light	claire	hell	clara	Mariette	3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Anicia, Lentillon rosé d'hiver	5
	dark	foncée	dunkel	oscura		7

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	Note/ Nota
16.	Pod: number of ovules	Gousse : nombre d'ovules	Hülse: Anzahl Samenanlagen	Vaina: número de óvulos		
	mainly one	principalement un	vorwiegend eine	principalmente uno		1
	one to two	un à deux	eine bis zwei	uno a dos	Anita, Tina	2
	mainly two	principalement deux	vorwiegend zwei	principalmente dos	Lentillon rosé d'hiver	3
	two to three	deux à trois	zwei bis drei	dos a tres	Anicia	4
	mainly three	principalement trois	vorwiegend drei	principalmente tres		5
17. (*)	Pod: color at dry harvest maturity	Gousse : couleur à maturité de récolte sèche	Hülse: Farbe zum Zeitpunkt der Trockenreife	Vaina: color en el momento de la madurez para la cosecha de la vaina seca		
	yellow	jaune	gelb	amarillo	Anicia, Lentillon rosé d'hiver	1
	green	verte	grün	verde		2
18. (*)	Pod: length at dry harvest maturity (without beak)	Gousse : longueur à maturité de récolte sèche (sans le bec)	Hülse: Länge zum Zeitpunkt der Trockenreife (ohne Zahn)	Vaina: longitud en el momento de la madurez para la cosecha de la vaina seca (sin pico)		
	short	courte	kurz	corta	Anicia, Lentillon rosé d'hiver	3
	medium	Moyenne	mittel	media	Mariette	5
	long	longue	lang	larga		7

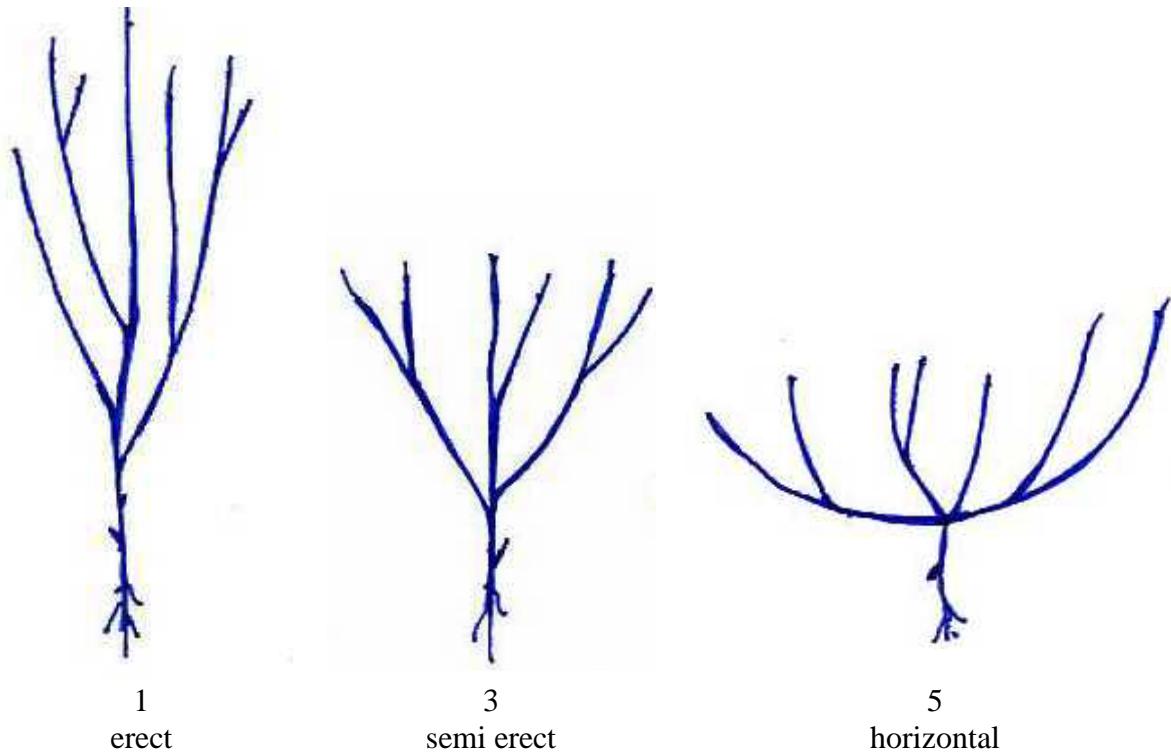
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					Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplo	
19.	Pod: width (at dry harvest maturity)	Gousse : largeur à maturité de récolte sèche	Hülse: Breite zum Zeitpunkt der Trockenreife	Vaina: anchura en el momento de la madurez para la cosecha de la vaina seca		
	very narrow	très étroite	sehr schmal	muy estrecha	Lentillon rosé d'hiver	1
	narrow	étroite	schmal	estrecha	Anicia	3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	media		5
	broad	large	breit	ancha		7
20.	Pod: shape of apex (at dry harvest maturity)	Gousse : forme du sommet (à maturité de récolte sèche)	Hülse: Form der Spitze (zum Zeitpunkt der Trockenreife)	Vaina: forma del ápice (en el momento de la madurez para la cosecha de la vaina seca)		
(+)	truncate	tronquée	abgeflacht	truncada	Anicia, Lentillon rosé d'hiver	1
	truncate to pointed	tronquée à pointue	abgeflacht bis zugespitzt	entre truncada y puntiaguda		2
	pointed	pointue	zugespitzt	puntiaguda		3
21.	Dry seed: width	Graine sèche : largeur	Trockenkorn: Breite	Grano seco: anchura		
(*)	very narrow	très étroite	sehr schmal	muy estrecha		1
	narrow	étroite	schmal	estrecha	Lentillon rosé d'hiver	3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Anicia	5
	broad	large	breit	ancha	Mariette	7
	very broad	très large	sehr breit	muy ancha		9
22.	Dry seed: profile in longitudinal cross section	Graine sèche : profile en section transversale longitudinale	Trockenkorn: Profil im Längsschnitt	Grano seco: perfil en sección transversal longitudinal		
(*)	elliptic	elliptique	elliptisch	elíptico	Petrovskaya 4/105	1
	broad elliptic	elliptique large	breit elliptisch	elíptico ancho	PSE 2	2

	English	français	deutsch	español	Example Varieties Exemples Beispielssorten Variedades ejemplos	Note/ Nota
23. (*)	Dry seed: number of colors	Graine sèche : nombre de couleurs	Trockenkorn: Anzahl Farben	Grano seco: número de colores		
	one	une	eine	uno	Grisette, Lentillon rosé d'hiver	1
	two	deux	zwei	dos	Anicia	2
	more than two	plus de deux	mehr als zwei	más de dos		3
24. (*)	Dry seed: main color of testa	Graine sèche: couleur principale du tégument	Trockenkorn: Hauptfarbe der Samenschale	Grano seco: color principal de la testa		
	white	blanc	weiß	blanco	PSE 2	1
	greenish yellow	jaune verdâtre	grünlichgelb	amarillo verdoso	Anita, Petrovskaya 4/105, Pisarevska velkoznna	2
	green	vert	grün	verde	Anicia, Petrovskaya zelenojzornaya, Tina	3
	pink	rose	rosa	rosa	Rosovaya	4
	ochre	ocre	ockerfarben	ocre	Lentillon rosé d'hiver	5
	black	noir	schwarz	negro	Nigricans	6
25. (+)	Varieties with more than one testa color only: Dry seed: type of ornamentation	Variétés à plus d'une couleur de tégument seulement: graine sèche : type d'ornementation	Nur Sorten mit mehr als einer Samenschalenfarbe: Trockenkorn: Typ der Ornamentierung	Sólo variedades con más de un color en la testa: Grano seco: tipo de ornamentación		
	patches	taches	gefleckt	manchas	Naryadnaya 3	1
	spots	macules	gepunktet	lunares		2
	marbled	marbrée	marmoriert	marmórea	Petrovskaya 4/105	3
	complex	complexe	komplex	compleja		4

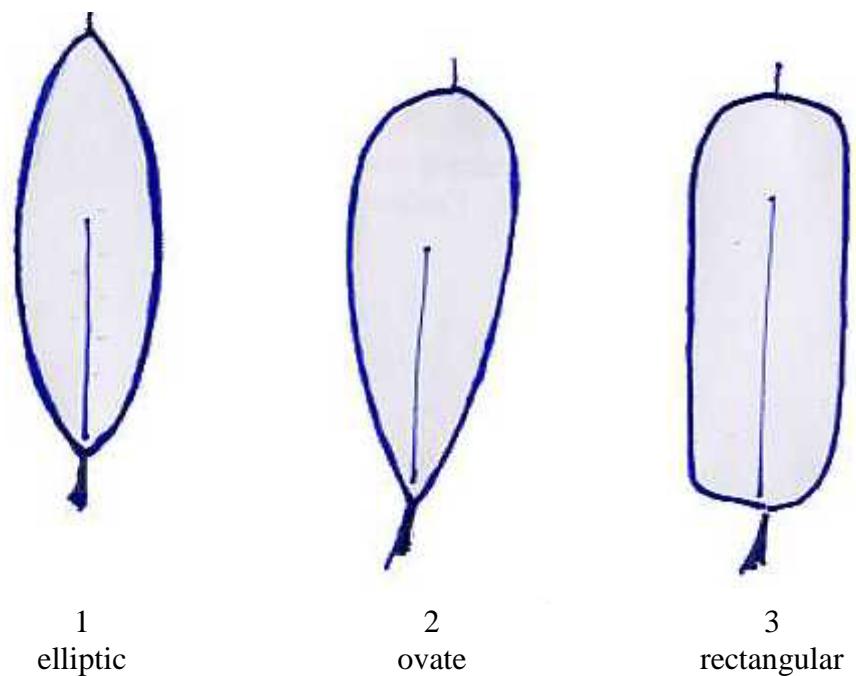
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26. <i>(*)</i>	Dry seed: weight	Graine sèche : poids	Trockenkorn: Gewicht	Grano seco: peso		
	very low	très faible	sehr niedrig	muy bajo	Lentillon rosé d'hiver	1
	low	faible	niedrig	bajo	Anicia, Azer	3
	medium	moyen	mittel	medio	Anita, Petrovskaya 4/105	5
	high	élevé	hoch	alto	Mariette, Petrovskaya 6, Tina	7
	very high	très élevé	sehr hoch	muy alto	Vehovskaya	9
27. <i>(*)</i>	Time of flowering	Époque de floraison	Zeitpunkt der Blüte	Época de floración		
	very early	très précoce	sehr früh	muy temprana		1
	early	précoce	früh	temprana	Anicia, Anita, Tina	3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Mariette, Petrovskaya 4/105	5
	late	tardive	spät	tardía		7
	very late	très tardive	sehr spät	muy tardía	Lentillon rosé d'hiver	9
28.	Time of maturity	Époque de maturité	Zeitpunkt der Reife	Época de madurez		
	early	précoce	früh	temprana	Cheephlic 7/76	3
	medium	moyenne	mittel	media	Petrovskaya 4/105	5
	late	tardive	spät	tardía		7
	very late	très tardive	sehr spät	muy tardía	Lentillon rosé d'hiver	9

8. Explanations on the Table of Characteristics

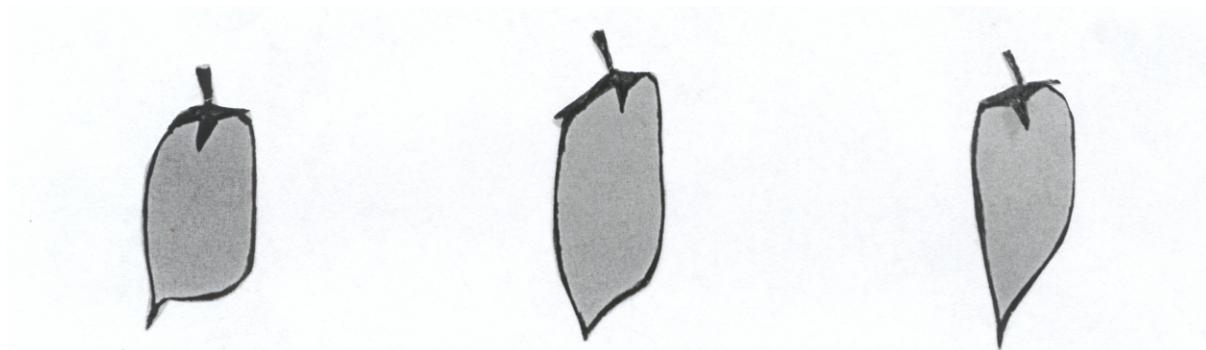
Ad. 2: Plant: habit



Ad. 6: Leaf: shape



Ad. 20: Pod: shape of apex (at dry harvest maturity)

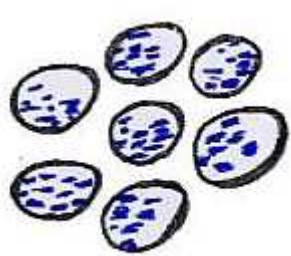


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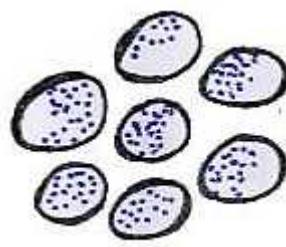
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Ad. 25: Varieties with more than one testa color only: Dry seed: type of ornamentation



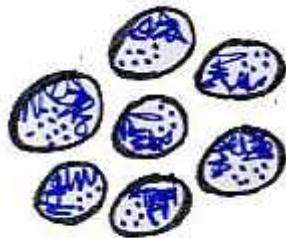
1
patches



2
spots



3
marbled



4
complex

9. Literature

Webb, C., and Hawtin, G. (Editors), 1981: Lentils, Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux, Farnham Royal, Slough SL 2 3BN, United Kingdom, ISBN 0 85198 475 4

10. Technical Questionnaire

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		Application date: (not to be filled in by the applicant)
<p style="text-align:center">TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE to be completed in connection with an application for plant breeders' rights</p>		
1. Subject of the Technical Questionnaire		
1.1 Latin Name	<i>Lens culinaris</i> Medik.	
1.2 Common Name	Lentil	
2. Applicant		
Name		
Address		
Telephone No.		
Fax No.		
E-mail address		
Breeder (if different from applicant)		
3. Proposed denomination and breeder's reference		
Proposed denomination (if available)		
Breeder's reference		

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4. Information on the breeding scheme and propagation of the variety

4.1 Breeding Scheme

Variety resulting from:

4.1.1 Crossing

- (a) controlled cross []
(please state parent varieties)
- (b) partially unknown cross []
(please state known parent variety(ies))
- (c) totally unknown cross []

- 4.1.2 Mutation []
(please state parent variety)

- 4.1.3 Discovery []
(please state where, when and how developed)

- 4.1.4 Other []
(please provide details)

4.2 Method of Propagating the Variety

- (a) Self-pollination []
- (b) Other []
(please provide details)

5. Characteristics of the variety to be indicated (the number in brackets refers to the corresponding characteristic in Test Guidelines; please mark the note which best corresponds).

Characteristics	Example Varieties	Note
5.1 Cotyledon: color (1)		
orange	Lentillon rosé d'hiver, Rozovaya	1[]
greenish yellow	Anicia, Mariette, Petrovskaya 4/105	2[]
green	Petrovskaya zelenozjornaya	3[]

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Characteristics	Example Varieties	Note
5.2 Plant: anthocyanin coloration (3)		
absent	PSE 2	1[]
present	Anicia, Lentillon rosé d'hiver	9[]
5.3 Flower: color of standard (12)		
white	PSE 2	1[]
pink		2[]
blue	Azer	3[]
5.4 Dry seed: width (21)		
very narrow		1[]
narrow	Lentillon rosé d'hiver	3[]
medium	Anicia	5[]
broad	Mariette	7[]
very broad		9[]
5.5 Dry seed: profile in longitudinal cross section (22)		
elliptic	Petrovskaya 4/105	1[]
broad elliptic	PSE 2	2[]
5.6 Dry seed: main color of testa (24)		
white	PSE 2	1[]
greenish yellow	Anita, Petrovskaya 4/105, Pisarevska velkognna	2[]
green	Anicia, Petrovskaya zelenozjornaya, Tina	3[]
pink	Rosovaya	4[]
ochre	Lentillon rosé d'hiver	5[]
black	Nigricans	6[]

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<p>7. Additional information which may help in the examination of the variety</p> <p>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?</p> <p>Yes [] No []</p> <p>(If yes, please provide details)</p> <p>7.2 Special conditions for the examination of the variety</p> <p>7.2.1 Are there any special conditions for growing the variety or conducting the examination?</p> <p>Yes [] No []</p> <p>7.2.2 If yes, please give details:</p> <p>7.3 Other information</p>		
<p>8. Authorization for release</p> <p>(a) Does the variety require prior authorization for release under legislation concerning the protection of the environment, human and animal health?</p> <p>Yes [] No []</p> <p>(b) Has such authorization been obtained?</p> <p>Yes [] No []</p> <p>If the answer to (b) is yes, please attach a copy of the authorization.</p>		
<p>9. I hereby declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this form is correct:</p> <p>Applicant's name <input type="text"/></p> <p>Signature <input type="text"/> Date <input type="text"/></p>		