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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TEST GUIDELINES FOR LETTUCE

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1. At its thirty-ninth session (TC/39) held in Geneva from April 7 to 9, 2003, the Technical Committee (TC) adopted the Test Guidelines for Lettuce on the basis of document TG/13/8(proj.3) and the amendments agreed at that session. The Test Guidelines for Lettuce (document TG/13/8), were duly finalized and posted on the UPOV Website. However, at TC/39, the representative of the International Seed Federation (ISF) expressed the view that, whilst the Test Guidelines for Lettuce should be adopted, it might be appropriate for a revision to be discussed by the TWV, during the course of 2003, to address certain developments concerning *Bremia* resistance.

2. In accordance with the comments at TC/39, the Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV) decided to discuss the Test Guidelines for Lettuce at its thirty-seventh session and agreed that TG/13/8 should be revised as follows:

“7. Table of Characteristics

New Char. (after 39.4)	Isolate Bl 14 to be introduced as a new characteristic.
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Char. 39.6 (Bl 16)	(*) to be added.
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An explanation that varieties susceptible to Bl 16 would also be susceptible to races Bl 17 to 24 (characteristics 39.7 to 39.12 and new characteristic below) to be provided.

New Char. (after 39.12)	Isolate Bl 24 to be introduced as a new characteristic.
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“8.3 Explanations for individual characteristics

To be updated in line with changes to the Table of Characteristics. In particular, “*Bremia* races” section on page 23 and table on page 24 to be updated.”

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