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**TEST GUIDELINES FOR MAIZE**

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1. At the forty-second session of the Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV), held in Cracow, Poland, from June 23 to 27, 2008, the subgroup for maize discussed document TG/2/7(proj.3), as presented by Mrs. Zsuzsanna Füstös (Hungary), and agreed the following:

General	to replace “open pollinated” with “open-pollinated”
	to check French translation of characteristics
6.5	to add “PC: popcorn variety” and to indicate “(PC)” for relevant varieties in the Table of Characteristics
Char. 2	to replace “tip” with “apex” and to replace “round” with “rounded”; to check whether state 5 exists
Char. 4	to delete “very” in state 1
Char. 6	to read “Leaf: curvature of blade”, with the states: to have the states: absent or very weak (1); weak (3); medium (5); strong (7); very strong (9)
Char. 7	to delete “degree of”
Char. 10	to add (+) and add reference to Ad.10 in Ad.9
Char. 13	to read “Tassel: curvature of lateral branches”, with the states: absent or very weak (1); weak (3); medium (5); strong (7); very strong (9)
Char. 14	to be indicated as MS/MG

Char. 18	state 3 to read “moderately lax”; state 5 to read “moderately dense”
Char. 24.1	to read “ <u>Only inbred lines and varieties with ear type of grain: sweet or pop: ...</u> ”
Char. 24.2	to read “ <u>Only hybrids and open-pollinated varieties, excluding varieties with ear type of grain: sweet or pop: ...</u> ”
Char. 25	to add (+) and provide illustration
Char. 26	to be indicated as MS/VG
Char. 32	to read “ <u>Only varieties with ear type of grain: sweet: ...</u> ”; and to add (+) and provide illustration
	the subgroup noted the photographs provided by Japan of varieties with 3 colors (at stage 92); it agreed that it would be necessary to have an explanation of the genetic background of those varieties before considering the introduction of a new characteristic
Chars. 33, 34, 35, 37	to read “ <u>Only varieties with ear type of grain: sweet: ...</u> ”
Char. 38	to read “ <u>Only varieties with ear type of grain: pop: ...</u> ”; to be indicated as PQ
Chars. 39, 40	to add (+) with explanation of “main” color
Char. 40	to read “ <u>Excluding varieties with ear type of grain: sweet: ...</u> ”
8.1 (e)	to provide explanation or reference for “Xenia effect”
TQ 1	to add tick boxes for the states in Char. 36
TQ 6	to be amended

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