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MINIMUM DISTANCES BETWEEN VEGETATIVELY PROPAGATED ORNAMENTAL VARIETIES




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The annex to this document contains a copy of a presentation “Minimum distances Tulip”, prepared by an expert from the Netherlands, to be considered by the fifty-second session of the Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO).




[Annex follows]



	
	<h1>Minimum distances Tulip</h1> <p>Katie Berbee</p>


	<h2>Background</h2>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In order of Board for Plant Varieties• Cooperation with KAVB• Commotion in the sector• Court case and various verification tests• Question: is the used minimum variety distance sufficient? <div><p>Raadvoorplantenrassen</p><p>KONINKLIJKE ALGEMEENE VERENIGING VOOR BLOEMBOLLENCULTUUR</p></div>


	Objective of project
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding of minimum variety distance used in Tulip• Possible development of new guidance?


	Establishing distinctness
	<p>UPOV:</p> <p>A variety may be considered to be clearly distinguishable if the difference in characteristics is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) consistent, and(b) clear



	<h2>Method</h2>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Selection of (very) similar varieties• Use of reference collection Tulip at KAVB• Observations during flowering in 2018 
	

	<h2>Conclusion</h2>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most of selected varieties were 'easy' to distinct• Minimum distance?
	

	Consideration (1)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strength of characteristics / expressions<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Influenced by various factors• Stability?• Clearly distinguishable?<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Difference (space) between notes• Number of differences

	Consideration (2)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exact guidance for establishing minimum variety distance?<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not realistic• But:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- focus on stable characteristics / expressions- more extra tests

	<h2 data-bbox="738 294 1006 346">New project</h2>
	<ul data-bbox="316 409 1339 756" style="list-style-type: none">• Suitability of characteristics and expression for establishing distinctness• Focus on current characteristics in guideline• New characteristics?• Stability of characteristics and expressions• Three year project

	<h2 data-bbox="714 1207 1023 1260">QUESTIONS?</h2>
	



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