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**Annual Meeting of Representatives of the National Designated Authorities for the
Implementation of the OECD Schemes for the Varietal Certification of Seed Moving in
International Trade**

**DRAFT SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 5th MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP
ON VARIETAL IDENTITY AND VARIETAL PURITY**

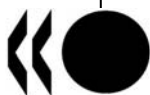
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Executive Summary

The 5th Meeting of the OECD Technical Working Group took place on 30 June 2008 in Chicago, United States. The primary purpose was to consider several issues related to varietal identity and varietal purity in the OECD Seed Schemes.

The experts agreed on the following:

- The characters to be used for assessing varietal identity and varietal purity for 36 species.
- The next 30 species for which characters will be developed for discussion at the next TWG Meeting.
- The text of Parts II (Field Inspection) and III (Additional Testing Methods) of the Draft Revised Guidelines for Control Plot Tests and Field Inspection.

The experts at the Meeting made good progress on the text of Part I of the Guidelines (Control Plot Tests) and it was agreed that the experts and observers should give their written comments on the remaining paragraphs to the Secretariat and the Co-ordinating Centre by 15 October 2008.

There was a lively discussion on the Harmonisation of Post Control Procedures and Standards and it was agreed that the experts would answer a further set of questions prepared by the delegate from Canada. The replies should be sent to the Secretariat and the Co-ordinating Centre by 15 October 2008.

The experts also discussed the paper from Canada on eligibility of varieties for OECD listing. The paper posed a set of seven questions and it was agreed that the experts would provide written answers to the questions to the Secretariat by 15 October 2008.

The document prepared by the delegate from France, which sought to provide a link between the definitions of varietal identity and varietal purity with the Listing of Varieties was also discussed.

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1. Opening statement and confirmation of Chair

The Chair (Mrs Merete Buus) confirmed that Mr Peter Johnston from New Zealand, the new Chair elect of the OECD Seed Schemes, would Chair the 5th meeting of the Technical Working Group.

Mr Johnston welcomed the experts and the observers to the Meeting. He asked that the delegate from Australia, Mr Blackstock be allowed to replace him as an expert for the Meeting. This was agreed.

2. Adoption of the Revised Draft Agenda

The UK asked whether agenda items 10 and 11, (Eligibility of varieties for OECD listing and seed certification, and Review of Proposals Prepared by the Ad Hoc Working Groups) were within the remit of the TWG. The Chair confirmed that both items were and would be discussed, because the TWG now had a remit to review the outcomes of Ad hoc Working Groups.

The Chair confirmed the Updated Terms of Reference (agenda item 5) would only be discussed by the Annual Meeting and also there was no need to discuss again the changes to the rules (agenda item 4) which had been agreed at the last TWG meeting and endorsed by the Extended Advisory Group at its January 2008 meeting. The Chair felt that it would be more appropriate to discuss agenda item 8 (Harmonisation of Post-Control Procedures and Standards) prior to agenda item 6 (Revision of Post-Control and Field Inspection Guidelines). This was agreed.

The Revised Draft Agenda was then adopted without any additional items.

3. Draft Summary Record of the 4th Meeting of the Working Group [TAD/CA/S/M(2008)1]

The Secretariat confirmed that the Draft Summary Record had been circulated and no comments had been received to date.

The Chair felt that the DSR did not fully reflect the discussion on post control, during which Australia, New Zealand and US had expressed concern about the varietal purity standards that were being suggested and how they would be applied in post control plots. Despite this reservation, the Chair proposed that the Draft Summary Record be endorsed as it stood. This was agreed and it will be presented to the 2008 Annual Meeting for approval.

4. TWG proposals submitted to the 2008 Annual Meeting

4.1 *Definitions of Varietal Identity and Varietal Purity.* [TAD/CA/S(2008)2] For information

The expert from Denmark, Mrs Merete Buus, noted that there had been a lot of discussion on the definitions before the TWG had finally agreed on the wording. The definitions, which are given below for information, will be presented to the Annual Meeting for adoption.

Varietal Identity: The identity of a variety is defined by the official description of its characteristics, resulting from a given genotype or combination of genotypes.

Varietal Purity: The varietal purity is the proportion of plants or seeds within the population that conforms to the official description of the variety.

Plants or seeds are considered as varietal impurities (off-types) when they are obviously different from the variety.

4.2 *Amendments to three provisions of the post-control rules* [TAD/CA/S(2008)3] For information

Improvements of the Schemes' post-control rules by:

- a) amending Rule 7.1.1 on the conduct of post-controls.
- b) introducing mandatory use of reject numbers at a risk probability of 95%.
- c) establishing post-control varietal purity standards for hybrid maize and sorghum.

Although the rule changes had already been agreed at the 4th Meeting of the TWG, Australia did not believe that it would be possible to make a decision on Reject Numbers without first deciding on the varietal purity standards that would be applied in the post control plots. He knew that some experts felt that the standards applied in the post control plots should be the same as the standards applied in the field; if this was adopted it would be necessary to examine large numbers of plants and large plot areas for some species.

5. Updated Terms of Reference for the TWG [TAD/CA/S/2008)4] For information

The item was for information only and was not discussed.

6. Harmonisation of OECD Post-Control Procedures and Standards [TAD/CA/S/RD(2008)9] (formerly agenda item 8) For discussion

A questionnaire on post control procedures and standards, used domestically by Designated Authorities, was elaborated in 2007 and circulated to all TWG Members for completion. The Co-ordinating Centre had prepared a paper which was distributed at the 4th TWG Meeting (provisional synthesis drafted from six responses received at that time). Replies have now been sent from 11 countries: Canada, Denmark, France, Hungary, Italy, Kenya, The Netherlands, New Zealand, South Africa, United States and United Kingdom, and the Co-ordinating Centre has prepared an analysis of the 11 responses for each of the 9 questions raised in the questionnaire.

The Co-ordinating Centre gave a brief overview of the responses and conclusions as follows:

- 1) As might be expected, all 11 countries carry out post control tests following the Guidelines for Control Plot Tests and Field Inspection of Seed Crops.

- 2) The use of reject numbers at a given probability level is not as widespread as might have been expected. Only 6 of the 11 countries used reject numbers at a specific probability level (0.05% at 95%). The other 5 countries preferred to apply the varietal purity standards directly in their post control plots.
- 3) All 11 countries carry out 100% post control testing of OECD pre-basic and Basic Seed lots. When CS1 is a multiplication category 9 countries carried out 100% or almost 100% post control testing of OECD seed lots. Italy and New Zealand only test 10% of CS1 OECD seed lots.
- 4) Additional testing methods are not widely used, and if they are used it is for confirmatory purposes only.

The Co-ordinating Centre also reported that Canada had submitted a further 9 questions which had arrived too late for inclusion in the questionnaire. These questions are outlined below:

- 1) What percentage of OECD samples are included in your post-control testing? For which categories of seed (e.g. 100% for Pre-basic, 100% for Basic, 10% for Certified)? Please indicate if different percentages are used for different OECD Seed Schemes.
- 2) Do you increase the percentages for post-control testing for crop kinds or varieties in previous years? If so, explain.
- 3) What are the follow up actions you carry out for samples that are determined not to conform to the OECD seed standards through post control testing?
- 4) Who do you notify of non-conformities (e.g. breeder, grower, importer/exporter, other)?
- 5) Do you conduct post-control tests for domestic samples as well as OECD samples? If so, explain.
- 6) Do you use laboratory testing to confirm off-types identified in post-control tests? If so, in what cases and what type of confirmation?
- 7) What educational/training background or experience is required for the people conducting the post-control test?
- 8) Do you carry out post-control testing for seed multiplied in a foreign country under the OECD Seed Schemes?
- 9) Do you carry out post-control testing for seed multiplied for other countries in your country? If so, do you include a Standard Sample of the appropriate variety? Also, are results reported to the appropriate countries?

The expert from Canada noted that the Schemes' rules on post control had been recently modified to remove the need for a country to do 100% post-control of OECD seed lots when the multiplication had taken place outside the country of registration of the variety. Canada welcomed this amendment, but wondered whether other countries were still doing the post control testing.

The expert from South Africa said that it had difficulties doing the post control when it was multiplying seed for northern hemisphere countries. High value Pre-basic or Basic seed would be subject to post-control (pre-control of the next generation) when the seed was returned. The expert from the US noted that the production field became the control in these circumstances.

The Canadian expert indicated that Canada required a purity of variety guarantee from every company carrying out a winter (off-season) multiplication in the southern hemisphere in Chile or New Zealand by a certain date. The expert from Denmark reported that Denmark carried out Pre-control for all Pre-basic and Basic Seed.

Australia noted that the technical conditions for certification were included in the multiplication agreement, some asked for the country of production to do the post control, some asked for the country of registration, the maintainer usually decided the matter.

Concerning question 2; Canada asked what other countries did when the post-control testing showed an increase in failures on previous years.

The UK (speaking on behalf of Scotland only) said that it would increase the percentage of final generation seed lots verified in accordance with the Rules. England would do it informally. The Danish expert reported that Denmark evaluated the situation every 2 years and adjusts the percentage accordingly.

Canada looked at the situation each year and required samples to be drawn if there were failures in the previous year. They could in theory do several hundred tests per year, but there were not that many failures. Guidelines were provided for sampling.

The Netherlands said that they did not normally increase the percentage in the case of failures, but might do if there was a serious case of failure.

Concerning question 3; the Netherlands reported that it did not use reject numbers, and post-control plots were only used to confirm the varietal identity of the seed lot. Varietal purity was for information in the Dutch system. Australia confirmed that it used the plots in the same way as the Netherlands.

After some further discussion it was agreed to add a further question (10) to the Canadian list of questions as follows:

- 10) Who draws the samples for variety verification purposes?

It was also agreed that the Secretariat would circulate all 10 questions, on a formal basis, to all Members of the TWG. Responses to be sent to the Secretariat and the Co-ordinating Centre by 15 October 2008.

Action: Secretariat to circulate Canadian questions to all Members of the TWG by 31 July 2008.

7. Revision of Post-Control and Field Inspection Guidelines (formerly agenda item 6)

7.1 *Draft revised Guidelines, General Parts* [TAD/CA/S/RD(2008)3/REV1]

For discussion and approval

The Secretariat gave a brief summary of the background to this item. The Annual Meeting had requested that the Guidelines be revised because many of the species description sheets of the characters used for post control and field inspection were very old and the general part of the Guidelines specific to Control Plot Tests had not been updated for many years. The paper had been revised by the Co-ordinating Centre, taking into account the comments expressed at the 4th TWG Meeting. It contained all general sections of the Guidelines structured as follows:

- Part I – Control Plot Tests;
- Part II – Field Inspection of Seed Crops; and a
- New Part III – Additional Testing Methods for Varietal Identity and Varietal Purity.

The Co-ordinating Centre led a detailed examination of each paragraph in Part I of the paper. The Sections covering Purpose, Pre-control, Post-control, Off-season control, Standard Sample, Previous cropping, Control plot layout, Husbandry and Recording were agreed with a small number of changes being made to the text.

The Section on Reject Numbers was discussed at length and the following points were made.

Australia considered that “seed calc” developed by the statistics group of ISTA had been designed to answer the questions that the group were grappling with, and perhaps the Co-ordinating Centre in consultation with ISTA could come up with a new methodology in time for the Meeting in January 2009.

ISTA agreed to ask the statistics committee to look at this issue and it might be possible for ISTA to run a Workshop at the meeting in January 2009. ISTA would inform the Secretariat.

The expert from Denmark noted that the “statistics” had worked for 40 years and there was no need to question their validity. The Netherlands supported the Danish position regarding the use of the statistics and felt that the question was really “whether you rejected the seed lot or the control plot”. It was possible to rogue the seed crop to bring it up to the required varietal purity standard. The expert from the US agreed with both speakers and queried why Australia was now questioning the use of proven statistics. The information being reported on post-control testing was meaningful.

Mr. Flack from the Co-ordinating Centre noted that the TWG was discussing the actions to be taken, statistics did not dictate the size of plot and Designated Authorities were not committed to adopting reject numbers except for reporting purposes.

In order to ensure that there would be time to discuss all the agenda items, it was agreed that experts and observers should put their comments in writing to the Co-ordinating Centre on the text of paragraphs 53 – 72 inclusive (Pages 13 to 18 of the paper) by 15 October 2008.

Action: All experts and observers to send their written comments to Mr Flack and Mr White at the Co-ordinating Centre and the OECD Secretariat by 15 October 2008.

The Co-ordinating Centre will analyse the comments and revise the paragraphs in time for discussion at the next TWG meeting.

The Secretariat reminded the meeting that the text of Part II of the paper on Field Inspection of Seed Crops had been revised in 2001 and the changes made to the text by the Co-ordinating Centre were quite minor. The deletion of point (f) in Paragraph 76 on Page 20 was agreed. Although Canada pointed out that the presence of seed borne diseases in seed crops could be important.

It was also pointed out by the Netherlands expert that modern seed cleaning equipment can remove seeds of couch grass, wild radish, corn cockle, sterile brome and black grass and the revised text will exclude these weeds.

Following these two amendments the text of Part II of the document was approved.

The text for Part III of the document listing additional testing methods was approved.

The UK asked if the Phenol test could be included for wheat as it was keen on this test. It was agreed to ask ISTA to give an opinion on the matter.

Mr. White agreed to revise Parts I, II and III of the paper taking into account the changes agreed at the meeting and the comments of the experts and observers on the Section dealing with reject numbers.

Action: Co-ordinating Centre to prepare a revised document by 30 November 2008, for discussion at the next TWG meeting in January 2009.

7.2 Draft revised Guidelines, Species description sheets [TAD/CA/S/RD(2008)12]

Mr. White reported that the 10 draft description sheets presented at the 4th TWG Meeting (red fescue, ryegrass, white clover, swede rape, oilseed rape, caraway, flax, oats, barley and wheat) had been revised according to the agreed harmonised template. Species of major importance in OECD certification (maize, sunflower, soya bean, durum wheat, cotton, beet, rye, and white mustard) and some others were added. A total of 27 description sheets (covering 36 Species) were prepared by the nominated country experts and the Co-ordinating Centre and edited by the Secretariat.

Mr. White thanked the expert from the Netherlands who had prepared description sheets for a further nine species.

The experts were satisfied with the characters described for the 36 species and it was agreed that if any expert had any further comments on the characters as listed, they should send them to the Co-ordinating Centre by 15 October 2008.

The Co-ordinating Centre would then do a final editing of the characters listed for the 36 species and would be “banked” for the present, but would later be introduced into the revised Guidelines document once the text of the Part I had been agreed by the experts.

Updating description sheets for other species, plan for action [TAD/CA/S/RD(2008)13]

The Secretariat presented the paper which had been prepared as a tool to facilitate the further selection of species for which the characters should be updated.

A total of 17 new species had been added to the list of eligible species in the last decade. It was agreed that the country who had asked for the addition of the species be invited to draft the necessary information, as follows:

<i>Vicia benghalensis</i>	2007	Portugal
<i>Bromus marginatus</i>	2006	Czech Republic
<i>Medicago murex</i>	2006	Australia
<i>Ornithopus compressus</i>	2005	New Zealand
<i>Bisserula pelecinus</i>	2005	Australia
<i>Trifolium glandiferum</i>	2005	Australia
<i>Eremochloa ophiuroides</i>	2005	United States
<i>Zoysia japonica</i>	2005	United States
<i>Lablab purpureus</i>	2004	Kenya
<i>Puccinella distans</i>	2004	United States
<i>Eleusine coracana</i>	2003	Kenya
<i>Galega orientalis</i>	2003	Estonia
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	2002	New Zealand
<i>Deschampsia caespitose</i>	2001	Netherlands
<i>Elytrigia repens</i>	2001	United States
<i>Ornithopus sativus x O. compressus</i>	1999	New Zealand
<i>Lolium rigidum</i>	1996	Australia

The Co-ordinating Centre will provide the template for the characters for assessing varietal purity to each country and the list of characters should be submitted to the Co-ordinating Centre by 15 November 2008. The Co-ordinating Centre will then review the lists of characters and produce a paper for discussion at the next TWG Meeting in January 2009.

The Secretariat suggested that the 71 species for which no seed certification had taken place in recent years be considered as low priority for revision. A total of 92 species remained for future revision, excluding vegetables. The 2001 edition of the Guidelines included character descriptions for a number of vegetable species, which some countries found useful. It was agreed that the character descriptions for the vegetable species would not be revised until such time as the certification of vegetable seed under the OECD Scheme was clarified.

The experts then selected a further 12 agricultural species for which seed is currently being certified and for which the characters would be revised. A first reviewer was chosen, based on the amount of seed it certified and it was agreed that the Co-ordinating Centre would act as the second reviewer, as follows:

Species	Ist Reviewer	2nd Reviewer
<i>Alopecurus pratensis</i> L	Germany	Co-ordinating Centre
<i>Bromus catharticus</i> Vahl	France	Co-ordinating Centre
<i>Bromus inermis</i> Leysser	Canada	Co-ordinating Centre
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i> (L.) Pers	United States	Co-ordinating Centre
<i>Festuca ovina</i> L.	Netherlands	Co-ordinating Centre
<i>Panicum maximum</i> Jacq.	Brazil	Co-ordinating Centre
<i>Pennisetum glaucum</i> (L.) R.Br.	Kenya	Co-ordinating Centre
<i>Phalaris aquatica</i> L.	Australia	Co-ordinating Centre
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> L.	Canada	Co-ordinating Centre
<i>Poa trivialis</i> L.	United States	Co-ordinating Centre
<i>x Festulolium</i>	Denmark	Co-ordinating Centre
<i>Cicer arietinum</i> L.	Canada	Co-ordinating Centre

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Note: After the Meeting, the expert from Denmark kindly agreed to revise the characters for *Trifolium pratense* L.

8. Improving variety listing provisions in the Schemes' texts [TAD/CA/S/RD (2008)14]

For discussion and approval

The expert from France gave a brief overview of the paper which sought to provide a link between the agreed definitions for varietal identity and varietal purity and acceptance of varieties into the Schemes. Section 2 "Acceptance of Varieties" in each of the Schemes should be amended to read as follows (Grass and Legume Scheme example, 2008 issue, page 28).

8.1 Acceptance of varieties

8.1.1 Varieties shall be accepted into the Scheme only if satisfactory results have been obtained by official tests (including comparative field tests) in at least one participating country.

8.1.2. For all varieties the tests must establish that the variety is distinct and that its generations used for fodder production have sufficiently uniform and stable characters. An accurate **official** description of the variety including the essential physiological and morphological characters, and in the case of hybrid varieties the descriptions of the parental components, must be available. ***This description constitutes the reference to be used by the Designated Authorities to check the varietal identity and control the varietal purity during field inspections of seed crops and post-control plots.***

8.1.3. The tests must also establish that the varieties have an acceptable value in at least one country

It was agreed that it would be better to say "**an officially recognised**" description rather than an "official" description.

The expert from Canada noted that agenda item 10 also covered this issue.

9. Eligibility of varieties for OECD listing and seed certification [TAD/CA/S/RD(2008)10]

For discussion

The Canadian expert introduced the paper, which was the third in a series, that it had prepared exploring variety description. The main aim of the document was to stimulate discussion at the TWG.

The expert from Australia welcomed the paper and confirmed that it had no legislation for VCU or DUS testing. The expert from France indicated that he had always believed that each country was working in the same way, however, it was now clear that this was not the case. He noted that the multi-national company had many problems to face.

The expert from Canada stated that the Breeder described the variety in Canada and an application for registration is then made by the Breeder. After registration, control plots for high generation seed are grown and the plot recorders may end up seeing different morphological characters. The description may then be modified. The expert from Denmark note that the remarks made by Australia are in conflict with Rule 2.1 of the Schemes.

The expert from ISF noted that the paper sought answers to 7 questions. In his view, question (b) was the key question. "What is meant by official tests and by comparative field tests"? The first question should be "What is considered the definitive definition of the variety"?

The expert from France noted that industry was not in charge of the OECD Seed Schemes and it was necessary to consider all the elements, as transparency is essential.

Canada agreed with France that the systems are more flexible today. Most activities had been carried out by officials 25 years ago, but over the last 15 years there had been more delegation of certain activities and the Rules were changed to accommodate these developments. Quality assured seed was the ultimate objective for all Designated Authorities. Different approaches had risks, there were several ways to do things and the aim should be harmonisation.

It was agreed that the 7 questions in the paper should be answered by all Members of the TWG . The questions are as follows:

1. a) With whom does the responsibility for describing the variety reside?
2. d) Must verification of the description of the variety precede its approval?
3. g) What role should genetic testing play in describing and identifying a variety?
4. e) What is considered the definitive definition of the variety?
5. b) What is meant by official tests and by comparative field tests?
6. c) With whom does the responsibility for carrying out official tests reside?
7. f) Which characteristics should be included, at a minimum, for seed certification purposes?

The replies to the questions should be sent to the Secretariat by 15 October 2008. Based on the replies, the Secretariat and the Co-ordinating Centre will draft a discussion paper for the next TWG Meeting in January 2009.

10. Review of Proposals Prepared by the Ad Hoc Working Groups

10.1 *Multiplication abroad* [TAD/CA/S/RD(2008)1/REV1]

Mr. Bohn, Co-Chair of the Ad Hoc WG, reported that the WG had made progress at its Meeting held on 29 June 2008. Unfortunately, some key Members of the WG from France and Chile had not been able to attend the Meeting. A further Meeting was needed to resolve the question as to whether or not written agreement was needed for all multiplications abroad. A revised paper [TAD/CA/S/RD(2008)/REV2] indicating the changes agreed at the Meeting, to the original text in REV1, was circulated.

10.2 *Use of synonyms in varietal denominations* [TAD/CA/S(2008)12]

Mr. Dagallier confirmed that the issue had been discussed in January 2008 and the paper included further comments made by Canada, New Zealand and the ISF. Following the circulation of a provisional version for final checking by Members of the Ad hoc WG on 27 May 2008, additional comments were received from Australia, Canada and the Co-ordinating Centre and introduced into the paper (pp.2,3).

Following a proposal from the US it was agreed that the Members of the Ad hoc WG on Synonyms would meet immediately after the TWG meeting to see if the concerns expressed by certain Members of the WG could be resolved.

10.3 *Revised isolation distances for cotton seed* [TAD/CA/S/RD(2008)7/REV2]

Mr. Le Buanec, chair of the Ad hoc WG, reported that the WG had met on 29 June 2008 and had decided not to deal with the “coloured fibre varieties” at present in the OECD certification, because this new type of material is not currently subject to international trade.

The AD hoc WG agreed that some compromise had to be made for accommodating the isolation distances relating to the certified seed categories of *Gossypium hirsutum*. The changes agreed were circulated as paper [TAD/CA/S/RD(2008)7/REV3].

The original proposed isolation distance for Non hybrid varieties of 15m is now agreed at **30m** and for F1 hybrids produced without CMS the original proposed isolation distance of 15m is now agreed at **30m**. All the other isolation distances remain as stated in the original paper REV2. These revised distances will be presented to the 2008 Annual Meeting for approval.

The Chair thanked the Chair and Members of the Ad hoc WG for their excellent work on the issue.

11. Topics for future discussion

The Chair asked whether the current workload was sufficient for the TWG. The Past-Chair pointed out that the DSR of the 4th meeting listed as a topic for discussion, “Detection and measurements of non-visual traits”. The expert from Canada also suggested “ Role of genetic testing in describing a variety”.

In addition, the replies to the 7 questions prepared by Canada [TAD/CA/S/RD(2008)10} will also need to be discussed at the next meeting of the TWG. The expert from France suggested yet another topic; “the consequences and impact of moving forward with the new definitions of Varietal Identity and Varietal Purity on the OECD Seed Schemes”.

12. Next meeting of the TWG

The next meeting of the TWG will take place on 28 January 2009 and will be held in Paris.

13. Other business

There being no other business the Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

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