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Comments from France

- Characteristic 2: Needs explanations.
- Characteristic 7: Shoot, number of thorns: add in French “épines ou anticipés.”
- Characteristic 28: The first state should read “absent” instead of “entire.”
- Characteristic 31: The coloration could be on the nerves.

Comments from South Africa

- Characteristic 7: Proposed to be “few to many,” instead of “weak to strong.”
- Characteristics 15 to 17: Either to delete “vegetative” in 16 or to add it in 15 and 17.
- Characteristic 29: It is not necessary to say “in longitudinal section.” It could simply be “longitudinal curvature” or “curvature of longitudinal axis,” as characteristic 38 of the Test Guidelines for Weeping Fig.

Comments from the United Kingdom

Methods and Observations

Page 4, IV 3. The characteristics measured should be, 8, 10, 20, 21 and 33.

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- Characteristic 7: States should be absent or very few, few, medium, many and very many (rather than large and very large).
- Characteristic 19: The wording as in the Test Guidelines for Apple (TG/14/8) (attitude in relation to shoot) defines the characteristic better than “general pose.”
- Characteristic 26: Are there any *Pyrus* varieties with a leaf with tip absent? I do not believe that there are, in which case characteristic 26 is unnecessary.
- Characteristic 34: Ratio of length of blade divided by length of petiole rather than the other way round.

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