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A Rules development

A.1 Introduction of New Methods

	TCOM	Method name/Subject	Proposed finalisation	Collaboration
1	STA	Help available upon request from other committees on test planning and statistical analyses. Comment: In 2008, 6 validation reports and 7 test plans have been reviewed by the Statistics Committee. Some of the validation reports involved specific analyses performed by the Statistics Committee.	On-going	Any committee

A.3 Introduction of Rules Changes

	TCOM	Subject	Proposed finalisation	Collaboration
1	STA	Help available upon request from other committees. See comment above.	On-going	Any committee

B Publications

B.1 Publications to accompany Rules

	COM	Publication title	Proposed finalisation	Collaboration
1	STA	The influence of particle size distribution after grinding on seed moisture testing of maize and wheat.	2009	MOI
2	STA	Statistical analysis reports (4 in 2008).	On-going	Any committee
3	STA	Development of a plan for developing/updating tolerance tables (September 2008).	2010	Any committee

B.2 Training publications on specific seed testing topics

	COM	Publication title	Proposed finalisation	Collaboration
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1	STA	Materials for the ISTA Seminar on Specified Trait Seed Testing, Bologna, June 2008.	June 2008	GMO TF
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B.3 Scientific information publications

	COM	Publication title	Proposed finalisation	Collaboration
1	STA	Assessing seeds with stacks in conventional seed lots.	2009	GMO TF

C Workshops and seminars

C.2 Seminars

	COM	Seminar subject	Proposed Date	Region
1	STA	ISTA Seminar on Specified Trait Seed Testing, Bologna, June 2008.	Completed June 2008	
2	STA	8 th ISTA Seminar on Statistics in Seed Testing, Aussonne, France. 2008 activities: preparation (agenda, budget, ...).	April 2008	

D Proficiency tests

	Proficiency Test Subject	Proposed date	Collaboration
1	GM PT: consultancy on purity of reference material for PT10 (February 2008), development of a procedure for checking reliability of ISTA PT samples (May 2008), PT10 rating (June 2008).	On-going	GMO TF

E Questions to the Committee

	Subject of Question	Date	From (Country)
1	Many questions received in 2008 regarding sample size and data analysis.	On-going	

F Special projects

	COM	Project name/subject	Proposed finalisation	Collaboration
1	STA	Publication of Seedcalc8 – New feature: ability to design qualitative testing plans using a Bayesian approach.	Finalised March 2008	GMO TF
2	STA	First version of S-PLUS and R programs for stack assessment (June 2008).	Finalised June 2008	GMO TF
3	STA	Development and publication of Seedcalc9 - New feature: stack assessment.	2009	GMO TF
4	STA	Participation on the "Organizing committee for the development of an International Workshop Agreement (IWA) on Sampling of Bulk Commodities"; forum in Seattle in May 2008.	Attended May 2008	ISTA Secretariat