

GMO – Committee

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	Second vice-chair was approved by Committee vote, but still needs to be appointed (by end of 2025)		
<u>A3. Introduction of Rules Changes</u>			
Subject		proposed	collaboration
		finalisation	
1	No major changes are expected to Rules Chapter 19, but small modifications may be made to improve clarity.		
B. PUBLICATIONS			
<u>B1. Publications to accompany the Rules</u>			
Publication title		proposed	collaboration
		finalisation	
1	Handbook on GMO testing	2026	STA, Secretariat
<u>B2. Training publications on specific seed testing topics</u>			
Publication title		proposed	collaboration
		finalisation	

1	Revision of documents related to GMO accreditation (Performance Data Evaluation for Adventitious Presence as well as for Trait Purity) will be finalised.	2025	STA, Secretariat
	B3. Scientific information publications	-	-
	Publication title	proposed finalisation	collaboration
1	Split-sample group testing	2027	STA
	C. WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS		
	C1. Training and education workshops		
	workshop subject	proposed	collaboration
	location	finalisation	
1	No specific workshops are planned at the moment, but availability for them upon request.		
	C2. Seminars		
	Seminar subject	proposed	collaboration
	location	finalisation	
1	Webinars on advanced analytical techniques for GMO testing with (e.g. digital PCR, NGS). Considering the broad range of applications of these techniques, webinars could be organised in collaboration/coordination with other TComs (e.g. ATC, SHC, VAR).	2026	
	D. Proficiency Tests		
	Proficiency Test Subject	proposed finalisation	collaboration
1	Pt25 Cotton? To be confirmed	2026	
2	PT26 Canola? To be confirmed	2027	
3	For the next PTs, the use of devitalised seeds to facilitate sample shipments should be considered. Moreover, the discussion on possible solutions aimed at increasing the frequency of PTs should continue. These could include the circulation of samples made of ground materials (suitable for assessing the “wet lab” part of the analytical protocol) and the circulation of samples made of non-GM materials (for assessing the sample preparation part – see F3 below).		
	F. SPECIAL PROJECTS		
	project title / subject	proposed	collaboration
	collaborating committees	finalisation	
1	Provide guidance to labs for reporting of GMO test results on ISTA certificates through implementation of the online ‘Learning tool’ on the ISTA web site also for GMO.	2026	
2	List of standardised terms in GMO testing: the database of events was last updated in 2023 and needs to be updated again. An SOP for the maintenance and keeping current the database must be prepared.	2026	
3	The possibility of using non-GM materials in PTs (see D3 above) would require a proof of concept. This will be investigated with maize as a model.	2027	