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Foreword

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Introduction

Biobanking of plant biological materials is fundamental for botanical and agro-ecosystem research, sustainable crop development and production, ensuring genetic diversity and conservation. Biobank biological material collection and accession management are strategic to optimizing plant genetic resources. A plant biobank obtains its accessions in different ways, e.g. from donors (principally researchers or breeders), by collecting the biological material from the field and by exchange with other plant biobanks. Biological collections encompass numerous biological material types, including frozen plant tissues, fluid preserved plant tissues or associated extracts or some or all of them. These collections often require specialized experts to curate and assemble the collection. Appropriate biological material processing and storage conditions are also needed to maintain high-quality collections and maximize the potential of positive outcomes. This document provides guidance on how to collect, process, store, track and distribute plant biological materials.

Standards are needed for the collection, preparation, preservation, transportation and storage of plant biological materials for academic institutions, non-profit organizations and commercial agronomic businesses. This document provides the specific requirements, guidelines and effective practices for biobanking plant biological materials based on the current and available technological and scientific knowledge.

Biotechnology — Biobanking — Requirements for the biobanking of plant biological material for research and development

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for the collection, preparation, preservation, transportation, storage, distribution and disposal of plant biological materials and associated data.

This document is applicable only to biological material that can be used for further processing of biomolecules, e.g. nucleic acids, proteins and metabolites.

This document is applicable to all organizations performing plant biobanking for research and development.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 20387:2018, *Biotechnology — Biobanking — General requirements for biobanking*

3 Terms and definitions

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3.1
associated data
any information affiliated with *biological material* (3.4) including but not limited to research, phenotypic, clinical, epidemiologic, phytosanitary certificate and procedural data

Note 1 to entry: Associated data can include metadata.

[SOURCE: ISO 20387:2018, 3.3, modified — "phytosanitary certificate" and Note 1 to entry have been added.]

3.2
biobank
legal entity or part of a legal entity that performs *biobanking* (3.3)

[SOURCE: ISO 20387:2018, 3.5]