

## DISCLAIMER

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**Panicum**  
**Simplified standard protocol: SSP/SGT/1.rev**

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Botanical taxon: Panicum virgatum L.  
Common Name (when known): Switch Grass  
Date of preparation of SSP: 6-9-2016  
Date of revision of SSP: 01-01-2020  
SSP revised by: W.A. Wietsma

Sample to be examined: VEGETATIVE  
Number of foreseen growing cycles: 1 year

Closing date for applications: 1/12  
Submission date/period: 1/4 – 30/4  
Seed/Plant Quantity: 24 young plants  
Appropriate to be grown in the open, able to show all their characteristics during the first year of examination

Special conditions sample: None

Test station address: Naktuinbouw, Sotaweg 22, 2371 AA, Roelofarendsveen  
Name: Team Support Variety Testing Department  
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List of grouping characteristics: NO, (if yes put as annex)  
Minimum number of plants in trial: Vegetative: 20 Seed: not appl.  
Minimum number of plants observed by measuring or counting: Vegetative: 1 Seed: not appl.

Give description of when observations on the flower should take place:  
At full flowering  
Give description of when/where observations on the leaf should take place:  
At full flowering  
Give description of when/where the other observations should take place:  
At full flowering

Test will take place: OUTDOOR

Uniformity: A population standard of 1% with an acceptance probability of at least 95%. Number of Off-types allowed: one off-type allowed in a sample size of 24

Table of characteristics: PRESENT (see annex)  
(if present, please annex the table of characteristics and explanations)

Literature: PRESENT  
(when present, please annex to this document)

**Table of characteristics Panicum**

Plant: attitude
Plant: height
Stem: consistence herbaceous/lignified
Stem: thickness at base
Stem: number of internodes
Stem: colour
Stem: anthocyanin coloration
Stem: % leaf area covered with anthocyanin coloration
Stem: pubescence
Leaf: arrangement
Leaf blade: length
Leaf blade: width
Leaf blade: shape
Leaf blade: colour of upper side (RHS)
Leaf blade: colour of lower side
Leaf blade: anthocyanin coloration
Leaf blade: % leaf area covered with anthocyanin coloration
Leaf blade: shape in cross section
Leaf blade: shape in longitudinal section
Leaf blade: shape of margin
Leaf blade: shape of apex
Leaf blade: pubescence
Inflorescence: type
Inflorescence: length
Flower: length
Flower: shape
Flower: colour (RHS)
Anther: colour
Literature: Encyclopa of Garden Plants and Flowers: Lance Hattat Dictionary of Gardening: The Royal Horticultural Society Hortica: A.B.Graf