



APPLICATIONS UNDER EXAMINATION

SWEETSPIRE

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Proposed denomination: 'SMNIVDFC'
Application number: 18-9450
Application date: 2018/05/01
Applicant: Spring Meadow Nursery, Inc., Grand Haven, Michigan, United States of America
Agent in Canada: BioFlora Inc., St. Thomas, Ontario
Breeder: Timothy D. Wood, Spring Lake, Michigan, United States of America

Description:

PLANT: erect to spreading attitude

BRANCHES (MATURE): brown green, weak intensity of brown anthocyanin colouration

BRANCHES (YOUNG): medium green, medium to strong intensity of red purple anthocyanin colouration, medium to dense lenticels

LATERAL BRANCHES: 40 to 45 degree angle with main branch

PETIOLE: light green, strong intensity of purple red anthocyanin colouration, flattened to round in shape

LEAF: medium brown green (RHS 138B) on upper side, medium green on lower side, elliptic in shape, weak degree of rugosity between the veins, shortly attenuate base, acuminate apex

INFLORESCENCE: axillary raceme type

PEDICEL: purple red

PETALS: elliptic, white (more cream than RHS 155D)

Origin and Breeding: 'SMNIVDFC' originated from an open pollinated cross between an unnamed seedling of *Itea virginica* 'Morton', as the female parent, and an unknown male parent that occurred in 2011, in Grand Haven, Michigan, USA. 'SMNIVDFC' was selected in 2014, based on foliage colour, plant density and flower fragrance.

Tests and Trials: The detailed description of 'SMNIVDFC' is based on the UPOV report of Technical Examination, reference number ITB2, purchased from The Community Plant Variety Office in Angers, France. The trial was conducted by the Naktuinbouw in Roelofarendsveen, Netherlands in 2020. All colour determinations were made using the 2015 Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Colour Chart.



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