



Legislation

In New Zealand, the [Plant Variety Rights Act 1987](#) governs the administration of rights to a plant variety. The Plant Variety Rights Act 1987 is accompanied by the [Plant Variety Rights Regulations 1988](#).

This legislation provides for:

- the administration of Plant Variety Rights, including the powers and functions of the Commissioner of Plant Variety Rights
- establishing and maintaining the plant variety rights register
- making and processing applications for registration of plant variety rights
- forms and fees
- prescribing the means to take infringement proceedings to enforce rights in a plant variety rights