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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

I.A CLOSING DATES – NOTICE TO BREEDERS ENTERING VARIETIES IN CENTRAL DUS TRIALS

CONDUCTED BY THE PVR OFFICE

You will need to meet the following deadlines in order to have your variety included in the central trials to be established in 2023.

Peas – Make application by 1 August 2023

Potatoes - Make application by 1 August 2023

Spring Cereals – Make application by 10 August 2023

Spring sown Forage Brassicas - Make application by 1 September 2023.

I.B ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR PASTURE SPECIES

The annual meet will be held on Thursday 10 August 2023 at MBIE, Grand Central, Cashel St, Christchurch. For further information about the group or the meeting please contact Jacquie Broadhead Jacquie.Broadhead@pvr.govt.nz

I.C ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PVR TECHNICAL FOCUS GROUP

The annual meeting of the Technical Focus Group will take place on Thursday 24 August 2023 at MBIE, Grand Central, Cashel St, Christchurch.

This meeting is the formal mechanism used by PVRO to communicate and engage with plant breeders and user sectors. This is an opportunity for PVRO to inform users on developments and for users to inform PVRO of relevant matters. Representative participants are invited from all crop sectors. If you have a general concern regarding any aspect of the scheme and wish to participate this year, please contact Chris Barnaby chris.barnaby@pvr.govt.nz

I. D UPDATE AND REFRESH OF THE PVR INFORMATION ON THE IPONZ WEBSITE

With the coming into force of the PVR Act 2022, the PVR information on the website is progressively being updated to reflect the new law and to improve the overall quality of the information provided. Keeping in mind that the PVR Act 1987 remains functional, it is important that users know that the information and guidance covers both laws. The technical questionnaires available on the website are also being refreshed and new questionnaires added, to increase genus or species coverage. When making an application, ensure that you have the most up to date version.

I. E REGIONAL DESCRIBER WORKSHOP

A workshop to provide training and professional development for PVR Regional Describers was held in May 2023 in Christchurch. The last workshop and describer gathering was in 2018 and was long overdue. The workshop provided DUS evaluation training and updates on new developments for the PVR scheme. The describers were joined by Plant and Food Research personnel involved in DUS evaluations and two Examiners from Plant Breeders Rights, Intellectual Property Australia.