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## VIII. GENERAL INFORMATION

### VIII.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 2013.

Grass endophytes - Make application by 1 July 2013.

Spring cereals, peas, forage brassicas (spring sown) - Make application by 15 July 2013.

### VIII.B APPOINTMENT OF NEW COMMISSIONER FOR PLANT VARIETY RIGHTS

On 1 March 2013 Mandy McDonald took over from Neville Harris as the Commissioner of Plant Variety Rights.

Ms McDonald has held a number of senior management positions within government and is currently the General Manager, Business Integrity Services, Market Services group, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.

### VIII.C WEBSITE INFORMATION DOCUMENT

The technical notes and guidelines section of the PVR page on the IPONZ website now has information on:

The usage of foreign DUS test reports for Rights decisions in New Zealand.

The information can be viewed at <http://www.iponz.govt.nz/pvr/technical-notes-guidelines>

### VIII.D ACCESS TO INTERNATIONAL PLANT VARIETY DATABASE (PLUTO)

The UPOV plant variety data base, known as PLUTO, now requires users to register a username and password. This is not to restrict access to information with the registration being a simple, automatic process. The purpose of registration is to collect information on user type and frequency and in the longer term can be used to further enhance and develop the database.

The UPOV website <http://www.upov.int/pluto/en>