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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 deadline in order to have your variety included in the central trials to be established in 2018 –

Winter and Alternate Cereals Make application by 15 April 2018

Spring Cereals and Peas Make application by 15 July 2018

Grass endophytes Make application by 1 July 2018

VIII.B NEW TECHNICAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS ON THE WEBSITE

An updated technical guidance document regarding the use of foreign test reports for DUS testing in New Zealand is now available at <https://www.iponz.govt.nz/about-ip/pvr/technical-guidance/>.

The document provides information regarding the process used to decide whether or not the use of results from testing by another authority can be applied for examination in New Zealand.

An updated technical guidance document regarding orders affecting your Rights: compulsory licences and sales orders is now available at <https://www.iponz.govt.nz/about-ip/pvr/technical-guidance/>.

The document provides information regarding application for a compulsory licence and the process for assessment of an application.

VIII.C Visit of the Vice Secretary General of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)

The Vice Secretary General of UPOV Mr Peter Button will visit MBIE and IPONZ in Wellington on 11 and 12 June 2018. The visit will include an information seminar for breeders and variety owners on the activities of UPOV and international variety protection. More detailed information will be provided closer to the time. Should you have a specific query please contact Chris Barnaby chris.barnaby@pvr.govt.nz

VIII.D CHANGE OR AGENT OR OWNERSHIP

When the ownership of a variety changes or the owner authorises a new agent (address for service), it is important that the change is promptly recorded in the PVR database. This can be done efficiently using the on line case management system, where the owner (or authorised agent) has provision to do this themselves. When making such a change, please ensure that all documentation is supplied and the identity of the new owner or agent is clear with complete and accurate authorisation provided. Should there be any doubt regarding owner or agent identity or authorisation, the requested change will not be made.