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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 deadline in order to have your variety included in the central trials to be established in 2015 –

Clover	Make application by 14 January 2015
Grasses	Make application by 1 February 2015
Roses	Make application by 31 March 2015
Winter and Alternate Cereals	Make application by 15 April 2015

I.B ACCESS TO TECHNICAL AND INFORMATION DOCUMENTS ON THE UPOV WEBSITE

The UPOV website is a significant technical and legal resource which can be freely accessed by anyone. The section headed UPOV System has seven sub sections, with DUS Guidance providing information on all technical aspects, including the Testing Protocol Guidance (TGP) series and the genus or species specific Test Guidelines (TG). The TGP and the TG documents set out the technical process and practice for the determination of distinctness, uniformity and stability.

I.C TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRES ON THE WEBSITE

Technical questionnaires on the website are been revised on a regular basis and we remind you that all applications must be made using the most up to date version for each genus or species specific technical questionnaire. The number of technical questionnaires and the corresponding genera coverage is planned on being progressively expanded. If the website does not have the genus specific technical questionnaire you need, please contact PVRO.

I.D STAFF CHANGES

Cecilia Requejo- Jackman has been recently appointed as the new Examiner for Ornamental Varieties. All queries regarding the testing and examination of varieties of ornamental species should be directed to Cecilia.

Chris Hardy, the former Examiner for Ornamental Varieties has taken over the examination and testing of pasture, cereal, vegetable and fungi species. All queries regarding the testing and examination of varieties of agricultural and vegetable species should be directed to Chris Hardy.

Chris Barnaby continues with the testing and examination of varieties of fruit species.