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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 2015.

Peas – Make application by 15 July 2015

Potatoes - Make application by 1 August 2015

Spring Cereals – Make application by 10 August 2015

Spring sown Forage Brassicas - Make application by 1 September 2015.

### I.B ON LINE PAYMENT OF TRIAL AND EXAMINATION FEES

The on line request for payment includes a date when the payment is expected to be made. The date set is determined by the examiner and is considered reasonable for that application. Please ensure that payment is made within the time frame specified. Should you have any difficulties with making the payment online, contact the help line 0508 447 669

### I.C UPOV MEMBER STATE RATIFIES THE 1991 ACT OF THE CONVENTION

Canadian plant variety protection law is now in conformity with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention and came into force on 19 June 2015. Canada has become the fifty third member of UPOV to become bound by the 1991 Act of the Convention.

### I.D NAMING AND TRADING FOR CULTIVARS

*Chris Barnaby, Assistant Commissioner of Plant Variety Rights, has written a paper which has been published in New Zealand Garden Journal, December 2014, Volume 17(2)*

“Naming and trading for cultivars” provides explanation and insight into the complexities of naming cultivars and their use in the commercial trading of plants. Commercial horticulture and agriculture is reliant on the production of new cultivars. In order that these cultivars and products can be effectively traded their accurate identification and naming is important.

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