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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 2016 –

Clover	Make application by 14 January 2016
Grasses	Make application by 1 February 2016
Roses	Make application by 31 March 2016
Winter and Alternate Cereals	Make application by 15 April 2016

I.B NEW MEMBER STATE OF UPOV

The United Republic of Tanzania became a member state of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) on 22 November 2015. This addition brings the number of UPOV members to seventy four.

I.C PLANT VARIETY RIGHTS QUESTIONS

Should you have a query regarding an application or a granted variety, identify whether the question relates to a website and on line usage matter or a more general PVR technical or administrative matter. For website and on line usage questions it is recommended to use the IPONZ free phone 0508 447 669, with contacting the PVR Office directly used for more specialised queries.

I.D ACCESS TO PLANT MATERIAL FOR PVR PURPOSES

The Plant Variety Rights Act 1987 provides for PVRO to request that plant material of a protected variety be made available for official purposes at any time during the period of protection. A variety owner or agent should be able to supply suitable plant material on request, in a reasonable time to the location specified. For varieties which do not have plant material present in New Zealand at the time of application and do not require a New Zealand growing trial as part of testing and examination, owners and agents should make provision to comply with any PVRO request for plant material during the period of protection.