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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 2017 –

Winter and Alternate Cereals Make application by 15 April 2017

Spring Cereals and Peas Make application by 15 July 2017

Grass endophytes Make application by 1 July 2017

I.B NEW TECHNICAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS ON THE WEBSITE

An updated technical guidance document regarding the Availability and Supply of Plant Material for PVR purposes is now available at <https://www.iponz.govt.nz/about-ip/pvr/technical-guidance/current/availability-and-supply-of-plant-material/>.

The document provides information regarding the requirement of the applicant to provide access to plant material for PVR purposes and for this to occur in a timely manner.

A new technical guidance document regarding the Duration of DUS Testing and Fee Requests is now available at <https://www.iponz.govt.nz/about-ip/pvr/technical-guidance/current/the-duration-of-dus-testing-and-fee-requests/>.

The document sets out the standard length of testing for crop types and provides information regarding the possible extension of those time periods and the associated fees.

A new technical guidance document regarding the Technical Questionnaire is now available at <https://www.iponz.govt.nz/about-ip/pvr/technical-guidance/current/the-tech/>

The document provides explanation regarding the use of technical questionnaire information in DUS testing and the possible consequences for an application if that information is poor or incomplete.

VIII.C Update to the Address and Information for Supplying Seed Samples

The following address and information for the supply of seed samples has been updated and is available on the website: <https://www.iponz.govt.nz/about-ip/pvr/apply/>

A [seed sample](#), and germination test certificate (including a vigour test in the case of peas) no more than 3 months old, for every application for an arable crop, pasture plant, amenity grass or vegetable variety. This must be supplied to one of the following addresses:

- **Via courier:**
AsureQuality
South Drive
Lincoln University
Canterbury

- **Via standard post:**
AsureQuality
PO Box 85006
Lincoln 7647
Canterbury

All seed samples must be clearly labelled with the name of the variety and "For PVR purposes only".