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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 2024.

Peas – Make application by 1 August 2024

Potatoes - Make application by 1 August 2024

Spring Cereals – Make application by 10 August 2024

Spring sown Forage Brassicas - Make application by 1 September 2024.

I.B ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR PASTURE SPECIES

The annual meeting was held on Wednesday 26 June 2024 at Kimihia Research Centre, Tancreds Rd, Lincoln, Canterbury. Should you have questions about the meeting or information regarding the discussions please contact Jacquie Broadhead Jacquie.Broadhead@pvr.govt.nz

I.C ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PVR TECHNICAL FOCUS GROUP

A second reminder for the annual meeting of the Technical Focus Group will take place on Wednesday 28 August 2024 at MBIE, Grand Central, Cashel St, Christchurch.

This meeting is the formal mechanism used by PVRO to communicate and engage with plant breeders and user sectors. This is an opportunity for PVRO to inform users on developments and for users to inform PVRO of relevant matters. Representative participants are invited from all crop sectors. If you have a general concern regarding any aspect of the scheme and wish to participate this year, please contact Chris Barnaby chris.barnaby@pvr.govt.nz

I. D REORGANISATION OF PVR WITHIN IPONZ

MBIE is continuing to carry out change to its organisational structure and this has included IPONZ. IPONZ has grown significantly in recent years, with additional functions and a review of its structure was considered necessary. PVR as a small specialist group, is thought to be better served by incorporation into a larger patents group with some different reporting lines. It is anticipated that there will be minimal change to routine operations and no impact on external relationships and functions.

I. E CHANGE OF AGENT, OWNERSHIP OR CONTACT DETAILS

Considering the length of time, a variety can remain protected, changes do occur to ownership, the agent and contact details. When these key details do change, it is important that the change is promptly recorded in the PVR database. This can be done efficiently using the online 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.

The updating of contact details held in the case management system for each variety is the responsibility of the owner or agent. All communication is primarily by email and the address used will be that which is attached to that variety in the database. An email address which is less used or been surpassed by another could result in notifications and reminders being missed, with possibly unfortunate consequences for the application or the grant.