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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 2020 –

Winter and Alternate Cereals                      Make application by 15 April 2020

Spring Cereals and Peas                              Make application by 15 July 2020

Grass endophytes                                      Make application by 1 July 2020

### I.B REGULATORY SYSTEMS (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT) AMENDMENT ACT 2019

The Act Amendment is now in operation and provides for Plant Variety Rights applicants to have a choice of an address for service in either New Zealand or Australia. This change fits with modern on line communication and the digital world, particularly suited for administrative matters and the payment of fee requests.

Please note that if an address for service in Australia is used, a New Zealand-based contact may be requested for the organisation of growing trials and related variety testing matters. More information on this may be found on our [Variety Testing in New Zealand](#) page.

### I.C PVR ACT REVIEW

Following on from the November 2019 Cabinet approval to make changes to the PVR Act and inclusion in the future legislative programme, the parallel work regarding the PVR administrative and regulation review has been progressed with the drafting of a consultation document covering proposed changes to Regulations and any resulting impact on legislation. Cabinet approval is required before any of the proposed changes are made public and comment from PVR users requested. The aim of introducing the Bill in Parliament by mid 2020, with the new regime in place by late 2021, remains.

### I.D. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF BREEDERS OF ASEXUALLY REPRODUCED HORTICULTURAL PLANTS (CIOPORA) VISITS NEW ZEALAND

Edgar Krieger met with MBIE policy staff in Wellington on 20 February 2020 and then with PVRO at Lincoln, Canterbury on 21 February. The discussion centred on the PVR Act review and current trends in international plant breeding. CIOPORA is an international organisation that supports and represents the interests of breeders of ornamental, fruit and vegetable varieties at an international and national level.