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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 2020.

Peas – Make application by 1 August 2020

Please note that the closing date for Peas is now later than previously.

Potatoes - Make application by 1 August 2020

Spring Cereals – Make application by 10 August 2020

Spring sown Forage Brassicas - Make application by 1 September 2020.

I.B EMERGENCY NOTICE UPDATES

The IPONZ websites has provided information for users and breeders who may be having difficulty meeting requests for information, payment of fees or growing trial establishment during this uncertain period.

https://www.iponz.govt.nz/news/iponz-plant-variety-rights-services-during-covid-19/

I.C CHANGE TO THE PVR JOURNAL SEARCH FUNCTION

Following discussion on the user friendliness of the Journal in the PVR Technical Focus Group and requests by users to improve the functionality of the electronic Journal, the ability to search by usage of variety is now provided. You will now be able to search for only the plant types you have an interest in and no longer have to work through all applications or grants. There are five types of varieties; agricultural and vegetable crops, pasture plants and amenity grasses, fruit and nuts, fungi and ornamentals, trees and other plants

Plant Variety Rights Journal now includes 'Use of Variety' filter



I.D UPOV TECHNICAL WORKING PARTIES BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

The UPOV Technical Working Party for Ornamentals and for Agriculture occurred in June and for the first time each meeting was held solely by electronic means. Due to time differences this meant a night shift for PVRO Examiners. The meetings went well with an increased number of participants. The agenda was efficiently managed and the work programme completed however a number of participants commented on the minimal opportunity for informal interaction and an increased awareness was gained of the value of conversations with colleagues at lunch, in the evening and on field trips.

I.E UPDATE ON THE PVR ACT REVIEW

During the emergency period consultation on two sets of outstanding issues (on administrative matters and Treaty of Waitangi issues) were put on hold, with consultation regarding these issues now expected in August. The new timeline means that policy decisions on these issues will now not be made until after the election, with the introduction of a Bill to Parliament by the end of 2020. The overall objective remains unchanged to have a new law in place by the end of 2021