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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 2021 –

Winter and Alternate Cereals Make application by 15 April 2021

Spring Cereals and Peas Make application by 15 July 2021

Grass endophytes Make application by 1 July 2021

I.B PAYMENT OF THE IPONZ APPLICATION FEE USING UPOV PRISMA

The method of fee payment when using UPOV PRISMA, the international plant variety protection application tool, has now been split into two payments, the UPOV fee and the NZ application fee. The NZ application fee will no longer be paid using the PRISMA system when the application is submitted. When the PRISMA variety application is received by IPONZ, the designated address for service will be sent an invoice by email for the NZ application fee. The variety application will only be accepted after the invoice has been paid and all other application requirements have been met. Please note that the payment directly to UPOV for usage of PRISMA continues to be required at the time of the PRISMA submission.

I.C NEW MEMBER STATE OF UPOV

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines acceded to UPOV on 22 March 2021 and becomes the seventy seventh member of the Union. The Union now covers ninety six countries.

I.D. COOPERATION BETWEEN PVRO AND MPI REGARDING PLANT IMPORTATION INFORMATION

In 2020 PVRO and MPI agreed to share relevant information regarding changes to importation quarantine requirements and applications for foreign bred varieties requiring importation of plant material. MPI has an ongoing programme to revise and update general importation protocols and access to this information assists PVRO in setting realistic variety importation time lines for foreign bred varieties and with more general plant availability for growing trials. The first quarterly meeting was held in February 2021.

I. E PVR TECHNICAL FOCUS GROUP

The annual meeting of the Technical Focus Group will take place in mid-2021. The place is most likely to be Christchurch with a confirmed date not yet been made.

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