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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 2022.

Peas – Make application by 1 August 2022

Potatoes - Make application by 1 August 2022

Spring Cereals – Make application by 10 August 2022

Spring sown Forage Brassicas - Make application by 1 September 2022.

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

The annual meet will be held on Thursday 25 August 2022 at MBIE, Cashel St, Christchurch. For further information about the group or the meeting please contact Jacquie Broadhead Jacquie.Broadhead@pvr.govt.nz

I.C PVR TECHNICAL FOCUS GROUP

The annual meeting of the Technical Focus Group will take place on Wednesday 10 August 2022 at Canterbury Agriculture and Science Centre, Gerald St, Lincoln, Canterbury.

The meeting will be hosted by Plant and Food Research, beginning at 9.30 am and concluding around 3.30 pm. A field visit is planned for part of the afternoon.

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 CHANGE OF AGENT, OWNERSHIP OR CONTACT DETAILS

When the ownership of a variety changes or the owner authorises a new agent (address for service), 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.

I. E AVAILABILITY OF TECHNICAL GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION

In the various discussions with breeders and variety importers, during the course of the current PVR law review, topics were regularly raised regarding the more technical elements of the scheme and in particular DUS testing practice. A number of the topics raised already have existing published guidance or information available at <https://www.iponz.govt.nz/about-ip/pvr/technical-guidance/>

Subject areas include:

Use of foreign test reports for DUS testing in New Zealand

The duration of DUS testing and fee requests

Availability and supply of plant material for PVR purposes

Policy on plant material ownership