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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 –

Clover Make application by 15 January 2024

Grasses Make application by 1 February 2024

Roses Make application by 31 March 2024

Winter and Alternate Cereals Make application by 15 April 2024

I.B ANNUAL RENEWAL OF GRANT

The new schedule for PVR renewal notifications is now in operation. Renewal notices for granted PVRs will work as follows:

- A renewal notice three months before the variety's renewal due date will be provided.
- A second renewal notice one month before the variety's renewal due date, will be provided if the renewal fee is not yet paid by that time.

This schedule of renewal notices applies whether the PVR has been granted under the Plant Variety Rights Act 1987, or the Plant Variety Rights Act 2022. The notices will provide details of the renewal fee amount, the payment due date, and the consequences of payment not being received by the due date. These details will vary depending on the Act under which the PVR was granted, and when it was granted. Please read the information for each renewal notice carefully.

I.C TECHNICAL GUIDANCE ON THE WEBSITE

The technical guidance section of the PVR website has been substantially updated taking account of new practice and the Plant Variety Rights Act 2022. This guidance sits alongside existing technical guidance published under the Plant Variety Rights Act 1987, which remains relevant. The guidance has been separated into three sections for Plant Variety Rights Act 2022, Plant Variety Rights Act 1987, and pages relevant to both legislations. The following link is to the webpage:

[Plant Variety Rights: Technical Guidance](#)

Please note that we have updated the web addresses for these PVR technical guidance pages to reflect their corresponding Act. If you have bookmarked any of our technical guidance pages, you should consider checking and updating your links.

I.D APPLICATIONS AND GRANTS FOR 2022/23

During the financial year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, 98 applications for plant variety rights were accepted (5 % increase on the previous year), 101 grants were issued (27 % increase on the previous year) and 73 grants were terminated (5% decrease on the previous year). At 30 June 2023 there were 1316 valid grants, a 17% increase in comparison with the previous year.

The application number for the last financial year can be split in two with 48 applications made prior to 24 January 2023 under the Plant Variety Rights Act 1987 and 50 applications made after 24 January 2023 under the new Plant Variety Rights Act 2022.

I.E NEW TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRES AVAILABLE

The following Technical Questionnaires are now on the website:

Broccoli (*Brassica oleracea* L. var. *italica* Plenck) Apricot (*Prunus armeniaca* L.)

Capsicum (*Capsicum annuum* L.) Kiwifruit (*Actinidia* Lindl.)

Wheat (*Triticum* L.) Cauliflower (*Brassica oleracea* L. convar. *botrytis*)

Hops (*Humulus lupulus* L.) Japanese Plum (*Prunus salicina* Lindl.)

European Pear (*Pyrus communis* L.) Japanese or Hybrid Pear (*Pyrus pyrifolia* and inter specific)

Please ensure that each application uses the most up to date technical questionnaire.

I.F PVR ECONOMIC, INNOVATION AND PUBLIC GOOD IMPACT STUDY

The final report has now been completed and provided to IPONZ by the authors; Business and Economic Research Ltd (BERL). The report will be used to inform the upcoming PVR fees review.