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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 2026.

Peas – Make application by 1 August 2026

Potatoes - Make application by 1 August 2026

Spring Cereals – Make application by 10 August 2026

Spring sown Forage Brassicas - Make application by 1 September 2026.

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

The annual meeting was held on Tuesday 30 June 2026 at PVR IPONZ, Grand Central, Cashel St, Christchurch. Should you have questions about the meeting or information regarding the discussions please contact Jacquie Broadhead [Jacquie.Broadhead@pvr.govt.nz](mailto:Jacquie.Broadhead@pvr.govt.nz)

### I.C ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PVR TECHNICAL FOCUS GROUP

The annual meeting of the Technical Focus Group will take place on Thursday 20 August 2026 at Zespri Headquarters, 400 Maunganui Rd, Mount Maunganui.

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](mailto:chris.barnaby@pvr.govt.nz)

### I.D VISIT FROM COMMUNITY PLANT VARIETY OFFICE (CPVO) OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

PVR IPONZ hosted a visit from Sergio Semon, senior member of the CPVO Quality Assurance group, in late April 2026. The visit comprised two parts with the first in Christchurch, including a meet with all PVR Examiners to discuss common challenges for DUS testing, opportunities for greater cooperation between Offices, and field visits to growing trial sites at Lincoln. Mr Semon also wished to engage with NZ breeders and a seminar on the European Union scheme was well attended by thirty (30) people, in person and virtually. In addition, a field visit was made to a breeding company for pasture and turf varieties. The second part included visits to the Cultivar Centre, Havelock North to observe testing for apples and to Te Puke, to observe testing for kiwifruit with Zespri and the Kiwifruit Breeding Centre.

### I. E RESTORATION OF AN APPLICATION OR GRANT UNDER THE PVR ACT 2022

Should an application lapse for nonpayment of the trial or examination fee, Section 93 of the PVR Act 2022 provides for the possibility to restore a lapsed application. In a similar manner, restoration of a grant due to no payment of the annual renewal fee is a possibility under Section 100.

Both actions require the making of an application for restoration and providing an explanation, as a statutory declaration, regarding the reason for the non-payment of the fee. The explanation must be substantive and state clear reasons as to why the restoration should be accepted. If the application for restoration request is accepted, the restoration application will be published in the PVR Journal and after a two (2) month period of public notice and the payment of the outstanding fee, could be restored. The restoration process will take some time, with the variety having no protection for that period.

#### I. F UPOV PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

The certificate is awarded to individuals who achieve the sufficient credits from UPOV endorsed training activities, meetings and courses. The certificate programme encourages the accumulation and sharing of PVP knowledge internationally and promotes participation in PVP activities. Further information is available on the UPOV website <https://www.upov.int/en/plant-variety-protection/pvp-training/upov-pvp-certificate>

Until recently the certificate programme has only been available to Government officials, but now it is available to PVP experts in the private sector.