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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

I.A PROVISIONALLY PROTECTED VARIETIES (VARIETIES FOR WHICH APPLICATION FOR PVR HAS BEEN MADE BUT NO DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED) AT 30 June 2014

The Office has changed the way we provide the information for provisionally protected varieties as at 30 June 2014. You can now search for this information online:

1. Go to the **Search Plant Variety Right(s)** screen.
2. Select **Advanced Search**. The advance search fields display.
3. Select **Case Status**. The **Select case status** window displays.
4. Tick the **Filed** status description then **Select**. You will return to the Search Plant Variety Right(s) screen.
5. Select the **Search** button. The search results will display beneath the search criteria.

You can choose to select some, none or all search results to be emailed to you. Enter your email address and then select either the Excel or PDF report. The PDF report will give you a full summary of each variety in your search results.

Please see our [guide to online searching of the PVR register](#) for further information.

I.B 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 2014.

Potatoes - Make application by 1 August 2014.

Summer sown Brassicas - Make application by 1 November 2014.

I.C USE OF THE CORRECT TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

From time to time the technical questionnaire for a specific genus or species is revised and updated. All technical questionnaires on the website are current and up to date. PVRO will notify users of these changes and will accept applications made with the out dated version for a reasonable length of time after the introduction of the updated technical questionnaire. After this transition period, applications will not be accepted with an out dated technical questionnaire. PVRO requests that all users ensure that the technical questionnaires used are up to date. If there is doubt check the website or contact PVRO

I.D NEW UPOV MEMBER STATE

The African Intellectual Property Organisation (OAPI) became the 72nd member of UPOV on 10 June 2014. OAPI is only the second inter-governmental organisation to become a member and consists of 17 member states from West Africa; Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad,

Comoros, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Togo.

I.E SUPPLY OF APPLE TREES FOR TESTING AT THE CULTIVAR CENTRE

The Cultivar Centre has been carrying out a gradual change of standard rootstock used for trees of apple varieties supplied for DUS testing from MM106 to M9. The majority of trees in the collection are now on M9 and this winter 2014 will be the last planting season for trees on MM106 to be accepted. If supplying trees on MM106 this winter, an additional three (3) trees on M9 will be required. From 2015, M9 will be the only rootstock acceptable for test trees, unless there has been prior approval from PVRO for another rootstock.