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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 2015 –

Summer-sown Forage Brassicas Make application by 1 January 2015.

Please note that the closing date for summer -sown Forage Brassicas has changed from 1 November to 1 January.

Clover Make application by 14 January 2015

Grasses Make application by 1 February 2015

I.B HOLIDAY CLOSING OF THE PLANT VARIETY RIGHTS OFFICE

The Plant Variety Rights Office will close at end of business on Wednesday, 24 December 2014 and re-open on Monday, 5 January 2015.

I.C TESTING OF FORAGE BRASSICA VARIETIES

Forage Brassica varieties have now been separated into two groups and are tested in separate trials based on the time of sowing. The trial for spring sown varieties is established in November each year with an application closing date of 1 September. The trial for summer sown varieties is established in February each year with an application closing date of 1 January.

I.D REVISION OF TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE WEBSITE

The technical questionnaire for ryegrass (*Lolium* species) has been revised and the updated version is now available on the website. This version must be used for all future applications for varieties of ryegrass.

I.E WEBSITE INFORMATION DOCUMENTS

The technical notes and guidelines section of the PVR page on the IPONZ website now has updated information on:

DUS testing of apple varieties

And new information tables for:

Table of varieties for ryegrass (*Lolium* L.); time of inflorescence emergence (heading date)
(Characteristic 9 & 11, UPOV TG/4/8)

Table of varieties for ryegrass (*Lolium* L.); length of longest stem (inflorescence included)
(Characteristic 17, UPOV TG/4/8)

The information can be viewed at <http://www.iponz.govt.nz/pvr/technical-notes-guidelines>

I. F STAFF CHANGES

Aleisha Hansen, the Examiner for Agricultural and Vegetable varieties has resigned and will finish in early December 2014. The recruitment process is underway for a new examiner and the vacant position is currently being advertised.