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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 2016.

Clover Make application by 14 January 2016

Grasses Make application by 1 February 2016

I.B HOLIDAY CLOSING OF THE PLANT VARIETY RIGHTS OFFICE

The Plant Variety Rights Office will close at end of business on Thursday, 24 December 2015 and reopen on Tuesday, 5 January 2016.

I.C NEW MEMBER STATE OF UPOV

Montenegro became a member state of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) on 24 August 2015. This addition brings the number of UPOV members to seventy three.

I.D TECHNICAL FOCUS GROUP MEETING

The annual meeting of the Plant Variety Rights Technical Focus Group was held on Wednesday 12th August 2015 in Tauranga. This meeting provides the opportunity for the sharing of information and views between breeders, applicants, industry and PVRO. A copy of the meeting report is available on request.