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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 2017 –

Summer-sown Forage Brassicas Make application by 1 January 2017.

Clover Make application by 14 January 2017.

Grasses Make application by 1 February 2017.

I.B HOLIDAY CLOSING OF THE PLANT VARIETY RIGHTS OFFICE

The Plant Variety Rights Office will close at end of business on Friday, 23 December 2016 and re-open on Wednesday, 4 January 2017.

I.C TECHNICAL FOCUS GROUP MEETING

The annual meeting of the Plant Variety Rights Technical Focus Group was held on Wednesday 31st August 2016 in Christchurch. 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.

I.D NEW TECHNICAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT ON THE WEBSITE

A new technical guidance document regarding the ownership of submitted plant material and DNA profiles is now available at <https://www.iponz.govt.nz/about-ip/pvr/technical-guidance/>.

The guidance document sets out the formal policy for the usage of plant material submitted as part of the application process and the longer term holding of the material in official reference collections.

I.E UPDATING TECHNICAL QUESTIONNAIRES

The genus or species specific technical questionnaires are periodically updated and applicants should check that the technical questionnaire intended to be used for an application is the most up to date one. The current version of the questionnaire is available on the website or by contacting the PVRO directly. A submitted application may not be accepted if an out dated technical questionnaire is used.

I.F UPOV ELECTRONIC APPLICATION SYSTEM

The system will allow an applicant to enter information required for a Plant Variety Rights application on line at a central site and then use that existing entered data to make application in individual UPOV member states. The system is expected to be operational in the early part of 2017. For more information please contact PVRO.