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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 2019.

Peas – Make application by 1 August 2019

Please note that the closing date for Peas is now later than previously.

Potatoes - Make application by 1 August 2019

Spring Cereals – Make application by 1 August 2019

Spring sown Forage Brassicas - Make application by 1 September 2019.

I.B TECHNICAL FOCUS GROUP MEETING

The annual meeting of the Plant Variety Rights Technical Focus Group was held on Wednesday 12 June 2019 in Tauranga. This meeting provides the opportunity for the sharing of information and views between breeders, applicants, industry and PVRO. The meeting report will be available on the website in July.

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

The meeting is proposed to be held on Wednesday 1 August 2019 at The Plant Variety Rights Office Southern Business Centre, 55 Wordsworth Street, Christchurch

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I.D UPOV PRISMA

The online tool for transmission of application data for PVR was launched in January 2017 and is now available for varieties belonging to genera or species specified by the authority. The number of participating authorities is steadily increasing enabling breeders to a great extent enter application data once and submitting that application data to participating UPOV members. The form and individual application data sets are held in a UPOV server and are managed by the applicant. The system also has translation function, where a form can be completed in one language and submitted in another language, meeting any national authority requirements.

For the rest of 2019, the service is free, with the UPOV Secretariat introducing a service charge in 2020, in addition to the usual national application fee. To use this service there is a requirement to register through the World Intellectual Property user account system. Further information is available at <https://www.upov.int/upovprisma/en/index.html>

I.E Consultation on Plant Variety Rights Act

The second stage of consultation on the Plant Variety Rights Act is launching soon.

Following consultation on an Issues Paper last year, an Options Paper will be released soon asking for public submissions on proposed options for changing the PVR regime. MBIE is planning to hold a two day workshop/hui in Wellington to discuss the options relating to Treaty of Waitangi compliance (5 August) and UPOV 91 alignment (6 August). If you want to be kept informed about the review and alerted when consultation begins, [please click here to subscribe for email updates](#). You can also email PVRActReview@mbie.govt.nz if you have questions. More information on the review so far can be found on the [MBIE website](#).