

## ***Seminar on DUS Testing***

### **Arrangements for DUS Testing: INTRODUCTION**

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### **Preview**

- Cooperation between authorities
- Cooperation with breeders
- TGP/6 "Arrangements for DUS Testing"

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## Article 12 of the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention

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"In the course of the examination, **the authority** .....

*[i.e. the examination is conducted by the authority]*

...may grow the variety or carry out other necessary tests, ....

*[i.e. the authority may conduct growing trials, or other tests, itself - "Official Testing"]*

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**...cause** the growing of the variety or the carrying out of other necessary tests, .....

*[i.e. the authority may arrange for other parties to conduct the growing trials or other tests*

*e.g. by an*

*Independent Institute*

*Individual Breeder / Applicant*

*Organization on behalf of a group of breeders / applicants]*

.. or **take into account** the results of growing tests or other **trials which have already been carried out.**"

*[i.e. the authority may take into account the results from previous tests or trials conducted by, for example, other National Authorities (purchasing of DUS reports)]*

## Cooperation between Authorities

Cooperation between Authorities can involve:

- **purchase of DUS Test Reports** from other Authorities

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## DUS Test Report

**DOCUMENT TGP/5  
“EXPERIENCE AND COOPERATION IN DUS TESTING”**

**Section 6:  
UPOV Report on Technical Examination  
and  
UPOV Variety Description**

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# DUS Test Report

TGP/5: Section 6/2

## UPOV REPORT ON TECHNICAL EXAMINATION

1. Reference number of Reporting Authority .....
2. Requesting Authority .....
3. Reference number of Requesting Authority .....
4. Breeder's reference .....
5. Date of application in requesting member of the Union .....
6. Applicant (name and address) .....
7. Agent (name and address) (if applicable) .....
8. (a) Botanical name of taxon .....
- (b) UPOV code .....
9. Common name of taxon .....
10. Variety denomination .....
11. Person who bred, or discovered  
and developed, the variety (name and address) .....
- (if different from applicant) .....
12. Reporting Authority .....
13. Testing station(s) and place(s) .....
14. Period of testing .....
15. Date and place of issue of document .....



## 16. RESULTS OF THE TECHNICAL EXAMINATION

### (a) Report on Distinctness

The variety

- is distinct

- is not distinct

according to the UPOV Convention  
 Variety(ies) from which it is not distinct (if applicable)

### (b) Report on Uniformity

The variety

- is uniform

- is not uniform

according to the UPOV Convention  
 Characteristic(s) for which the variety is not uniform and explanation of the lack of uniformity (if applicable) are provided in an annex to this report.

### (c) Report on Stability

The variety

- is stable

- is not stable

according to the UPOV Convention  
 Characteristic(s) for which the variety is not stable and explanation of the lack of stability (if applicable) are provided in an annex to this report.

### (d) A description of the variety is provided in an annex to this report

(if the variety is distinct, uniform and stable).  
 (If the variety is not distinct, a description can be provided on request.)

17. Remarks .....

18. Signature .....



# UPOV Variety Description

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UPOV VARIETY DESCRIPTION

1. Reference number of Reporting Authority .....
2. Reference number of Requesting Authority .....
3. Breeder's reference .....
4. Applicant (name and address) .....
5. (a) Botanical name of taxon .....
- (b) UPOV code .....
6. Common name of taxon .....
7. Variety denomination .....
8. Date and document number of UPOV Test Guidelines .....
9. Date and/or document number of Reporting Authority's test guidelines .....
10. Reporting Authority .....
11. Testing station(s) and place(s) .....
12. Period of testing .....
13. Date and place of issue of document .....
14. **Group:** (if characteristics of number 15 are used for grouping, they are marked with a G in that number)

UPOV No.	Reporting Authority No.	Characteristics	States of Expression	Note	Remarks



# UPOV Variety Description

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Reference number of Reporting Authority .....

15. **Characteristics Included in the UPOV Test Guidelines or Reporting Authority's Test Guidelines**

UPOV No.	Reporting Authority No.	Characteristics	States of Expression	Note	Remarks

16. **Similar Varieties and Differences from These Varieties**

Denomination(s) of variety(ies) similar to the candidate variety	Characteristic(s) in which the candidate variety differs from the similar variety(ies) <sup>o)</sup>	State of expression of the characteristic(s) for the similar variety(ies)	State of expression of the characteristic(s) for the candidate variety

<sup>o)</sup> In the case of identical states of expression of both varieties, please indicate the size of the difference.

17. **Additional Information**

- (a) Additional Data
- (b) Photograph (if appropriate)
- (c) RHS Colour Chart version used (if appropriate)
- (d) Remarks

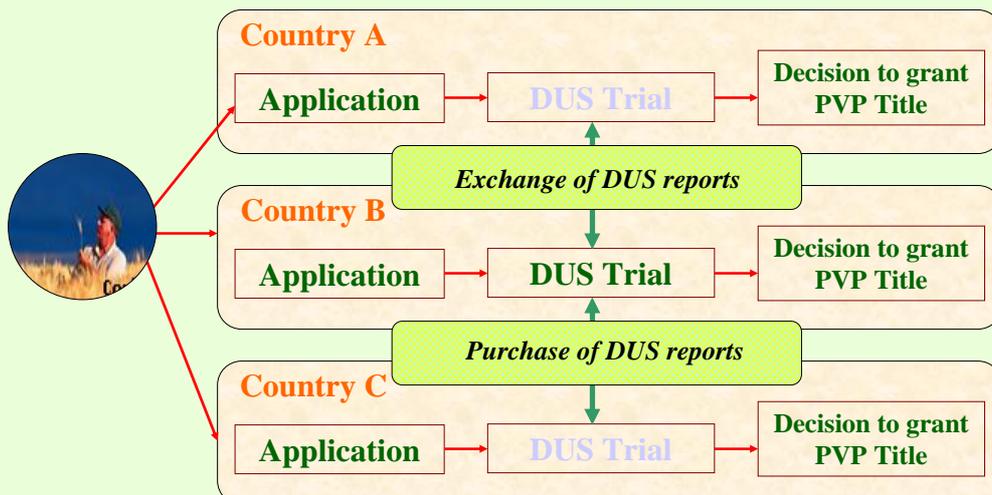
## Cooperation between Authorities

Cooperation between Authorities can involve:

- purchase of DUS Test Reports from other Authorities
- **bilateral arrangements** to remove the need for duplication of DUS Tests
- **centralized DUS testing** at regional or global level

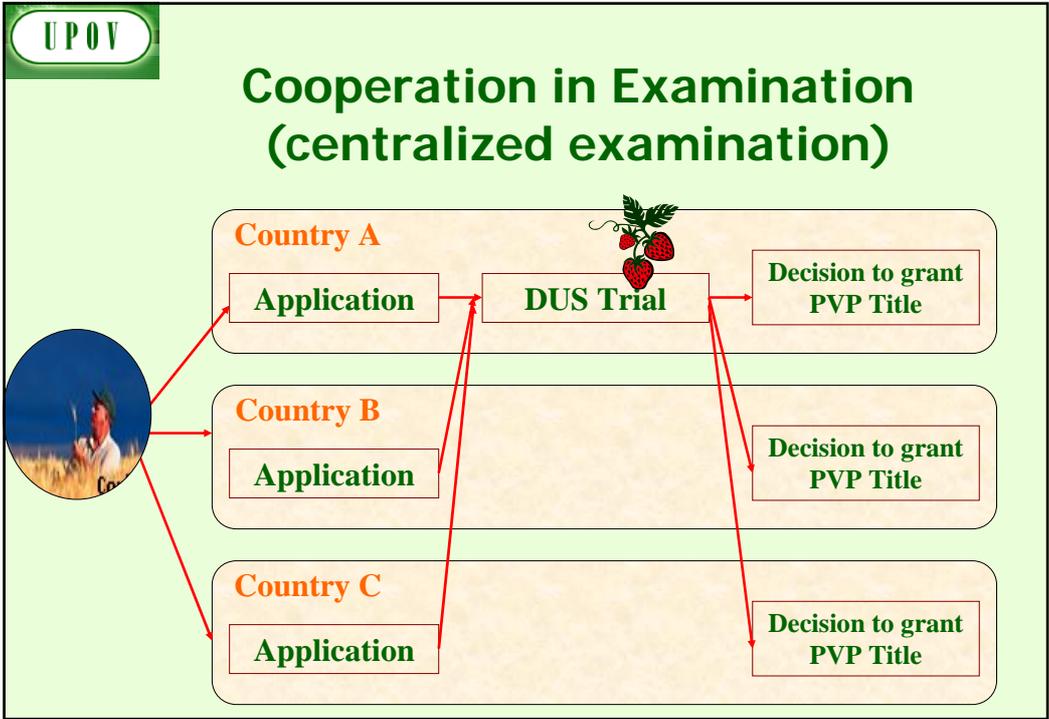
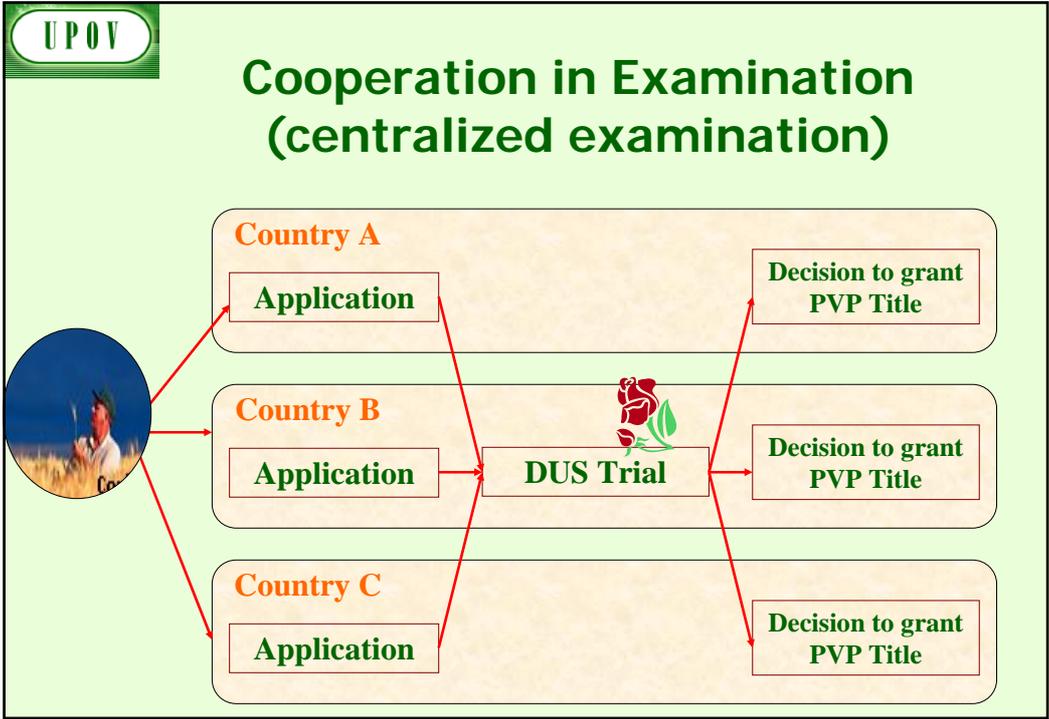
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## Cooperation in DUS Trial



**UPOV Model administrative agreement  
(TGP/5): 350 CHF**

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## Cooperation between Authorities

Cooperation between Authorities is important for:

- minimizing the time for DUS examination
- minimizing the cost of DUS examination
- optimizing examination of Distinctness in growing trials

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## GENIE Database (Genus / species)



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Variety denomination related information  
Protection offered by UPOV members

### **DUS information**

- UPOV Test Guidelines
- practical experience (UPOV members)
- cooperation in DUS examination

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## **Cooperation with Breeders**

### Cooperation with Breeders

- maximizes the use of all available information
- minimizes the time for DUS examination
- can provide access to breeders' specialist resources

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## Cooperation with Breeders

### DUS Testing in Cooperation with Breeders

- is always under the **control of the Authority**
- can involve the applicant in all aspects of conducting the DUS Test but will always result in a **decision being taken by the Authority**

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# THANK YOU

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