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MAFF reorganized Plant Variety Protection and Seed Division (PVPSD) into “Intellectual Property Division (IPD)” integrating the affairs of intellectual property concerning agricultural sector on August 1, 2008.