




**Cooperation, current situation.
Experiences from the Netherlands**

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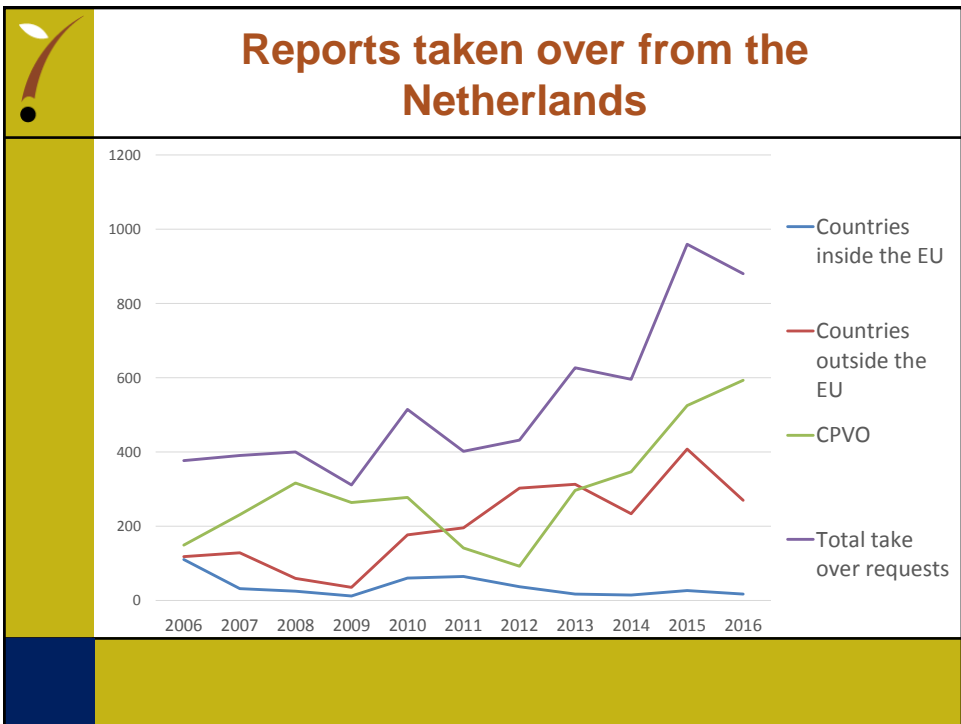


Situation in the Netherlands

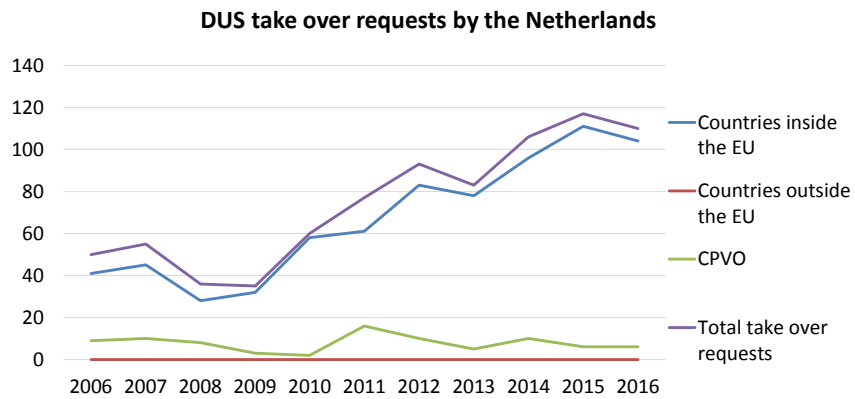
- **Strong promotor of the idea that DUS reports of high quality should be taken over to avoid extra work and extra costs**
- **Any authority can take over DUS reports from the Netherlands. In many cases not for PBR but for National listing.**
- **Bilateral cooperation is a valuable tool but requires clarity on quality of the report**

Situation in the Netherlands

- **Bilateral cooperation (2 ways)**
 - Dependence on other authority
 - Convenience
- **Regional cooperation (EU)**
- **Take over of reports (2 ways)**



Reports taken over by the Netherlands



Technical problems encountered?

- **No cases known that a Dutch DUS report gave problems on D, U or S in a receiving country.**
- **No cases known that a DUS report taken over by the Netherlands gave problems on D, U or S in the Netherlands.**



How to judge the quality of a DUS examination

- If a request arrives to take over a report, a judgement has to be made:

How to judge the quality of a DUS examination of another Examination Office in the process of taking over of a DUS report.



How the Netherlands decides if a DUS report can be taken over

- DUS reports from fellow EU entrusted offices of species for which the office is entrusted by CPVO, reports are taken over without any restrictions. (quality embedded in the CPVO criteria)
- DUS reports from offices with which we have a bilateral cooperation are taken over without restrictions. (“quality established in the proces to sign a bilateral cooperation”)

Taking over from another UPOV member

- With the growing number of members, bilateral agreements are no longer realistic with all members.
- The example agreements are old and outdated. Maintenance is very cumbersome
- UPOV has no DUS quality standards prescribed
- How to judge the quality of a DUS test of another UPOV Member State?

Existing guidance

Associated Document
to the
General Introduction to the Examination
of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability and the
Development of Harmonized Descriptions of New Varieties of Plants (document TG/1/2)

DOCUMENT TGP-5
"EXPERIENCE AND COOPERATION IN DUS TESTING"

Section 1:
Model Administrative Agreement
for International Cooperation in the Testing of Varieties


adopted by the Council
at its forty-second ordinary session
on October 30, 2008

Associated Document
to the
General Introduction to the Examination
of Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability and the
Development of Harmonized Descriptions of New Varieties of Plants (document TG/1/2)

DOCUMENT TGP-8
"EXPERIENCE AND COOPERATION IN DUS TESTING"


Section 5:
UPOV Request for Examination Results and
UPOV Answer to the Request for Examination Results

adopted by the Council
at its forty-second ordinary session
on October 30, 2008



Way forward?

- 1. To create a more modern way to reach cooperation**
- 2. Is it possible to replace the paper agreements with a feature in the GENIE database?**
- 3. Possible to include standard quality requirements in the system?**



Other items to explore

- 1. To clarify the status of the DUS report. (To separate the report on the DUS decision and analysis of distinctness from the variety description)**
- 2. To introduce a fee for the verification of the variety description under the environmental situation of the receiving country?**
- 3. Is it necessary to provide information on the variety collection with the DUS report?**