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DES OBTENTIONS VÉGÉTALES
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INTERNATIONAL UNION
FOR THE PROTECTION OF
NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS
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**RATIFICATION BY CANADA OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE
PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS**

The Government of Canada deposited its instrument of ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants on February 4, 1991. When the ratification enters into force on March 4, 1991, the number of member States of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) will be 20. The States are the following:

Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and the United States of America.

UPOV is an intergovernmental organization which cooperates in administrative matters with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and has its headquarters in the WIPO building in Geneva, Switzerland.

The purpose of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants is to recognize and to ensure an intellectual property right to the breeder of a new plant variety. The member States of UPOV grant such a right in accordance with the provisions of the Convention, under their national legislation. To be eligible for protection, varieties have to belong to one of the botanical genera or species on the national list of those eligible for protection, be distinct from commonly known varieties and be sufficiently homogenous and stable.