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### **Ratification of Belgium of the 1991 Act of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants**

The Government of Belgium deposited its instrument of ratification of the 1991 Act of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants on May 2, 2019.

The purpose of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) is to provide and promote an effective system of plant variety protection, with the aim of encouraging the development of new varieties of plants, for the benefit of society.

Belgium, which is already one of the seventy-five members of UPOV, is the fifty-eighth member to become bound by the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention. The 1991 Act will enter into force for Belgium on June 2, 2019, one month after the deposit of its instrument of ratification.

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