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OF NEW VARIETIES
OF PLANTS

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ACCESSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA TO THE 1991 ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS

The Government of the Republic of Austria deposited its instrument of accession to the 1991 Act of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants on June 1, 2004.

The purpose of 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.

The Republic of Austria, which is already one of the fifty-four members of UPOV, is the twenty-seventh State to become bound by the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention. The 1991 Act will enter into force for the Republic of Austria on July 1, 2004, one month after the deposit of its instrument of accession.

The 1991 Act strengthens the protection offered to plant breeders (the “breeder’s right”) and increases the incentive for plant breeding. However, it continues to leave protected varieties available for use as a source of variation for the development of other varieties.

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