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OF NEW VARIETIES  
OF PLANTS

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### ACCESSION OF PANAMA TO THE 1991 ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS

The Government of Panama deposited its instrument of accession to the 1991 Act of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants on October 22, 2012.

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.

Panama, which is already one of the seventy members of UPOV, is the fiftieth member to become bound by the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention. The 1991 Act will enter into force for Panama on November 22, 2012, one month after the deposit of its instrument of accession.

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