



Conditions for the use of DUS results from other UPOV members

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Benefits of cooperation in DUS testing

For breeders:

- Harmonized DUS results and variety descriptions
- Cost reduction, when DUS results are used in several countries

For authority / Germany:

- Reduction of testing capacity possible, if DUS tests are conducted by another authority on our behalf

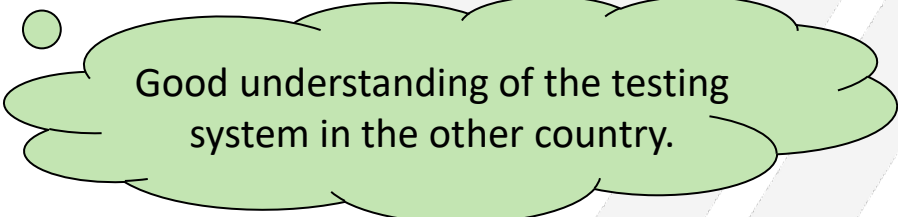


Conditions for accepting DUS reports

- Use of agreed test guidelines (UPOV, CPVO, National)
- Application of the general principles and guidance developed by UPOV for assessment of DUS (incl. UPOV forms for requesting and reporting)
- Consideration of an appropriate variety collection which includes all varieties adapted to our growing conditions

Fulfillment of conditions have to be agreed **before** results are requested. • • •

- Exchange of information
- Exchange of varieties



Good understanding of the testing system in the other country.



Appropriate variety collection

Varieties

- listed or protected in Germany
- marketed national or under the same climatic conditions
- covering the range of expressions of German applications

? Varieties to be added to the variety collection of the Testing authority
(see TGP/4/1)



Use of DUS reports from other authorities

- The conclusion on DUS is followed for the German procedure provided the previously agreed requirements were fulfilled



Aiming for same decision on DUS in both countries

- Variety description becomes the official description in the German procedure (translation if requested by the breeder)
- In case of separate submission of plant material in Testing and Requesting country, the identity must be checked



Administrative agreements

- Commitment of another authority to test on behalf of Germany (legal basis for not keeping own testing capacities for these crops)
- Commitment to use available reports for agreed species (transparency for applicants)
- Extension of cooperation possible case by case

Germany **contracted** other authorities

- to undertake DUS tests on our behalf for 45 species for the last 10 years
⇒ to reduce our testing capacity
- to accept the results of the other authorities reciprocally



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Vielen Dank!

Sorten schützen.

Sorten zulassen.

Vielfalt erhalten.