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THE CONCEPT OF NOVELTY IN THE CASE OF HYBRIDS
AND THEIR PARENT LINES

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The Office of the Union has received from the delegations of France and Hungary the following replies to the enquiry into the existence of national catalogues (national lists of varieties approved for marketing) or commercial catalogues for inbred lines in the member States after completion of document CAJ/XIII/4:

i) France.- "The National Catalogue of Species and Varieties of Cultivated Plants does not contain national lists of inbred lines for the species comprising hybrid varieties such as maize, sunflower, sorghum.

"However, the Group for the Study and Control of Varieties and Seed Testing (GEVES) within the National Institute for Agronomic Research (INRA) maintains at the request of the Ministry of Agriculture a directory of inbred lines having successfully passed the "DUS" tests.

"This directory contains:

- the public domain lines
- the protected breeders' lines
- the breeders' lines that are not protected and enter into the formula of hybrid varieties registered in the National Catalogue
- most of the breeders' lines entering also into the formula of hybrid varieties more or less recently deleted from the Catalogue.

"To our knowledge, there is only one commercial catalogue in France for inbred lines, compiled annually by the Française des semences de maïs (FRASEMA), 15, rue du Louvre, 75001 Paris."

ii) Hungary.- "As regards the inbred lines used in the production of hybrids, there are no national or commercial catalogues which the Hungarian Office would use for the examination of the condition of novelty."

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