

Agenda item 3(b)
Use of DUS test reports
Introduction by the UPOV Office

Introduction to the Use of DUS Test Reports Reports and Options for Cooperation

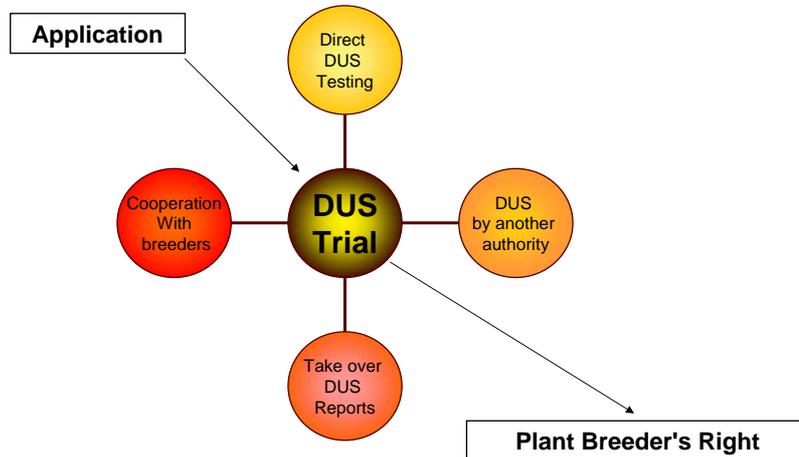


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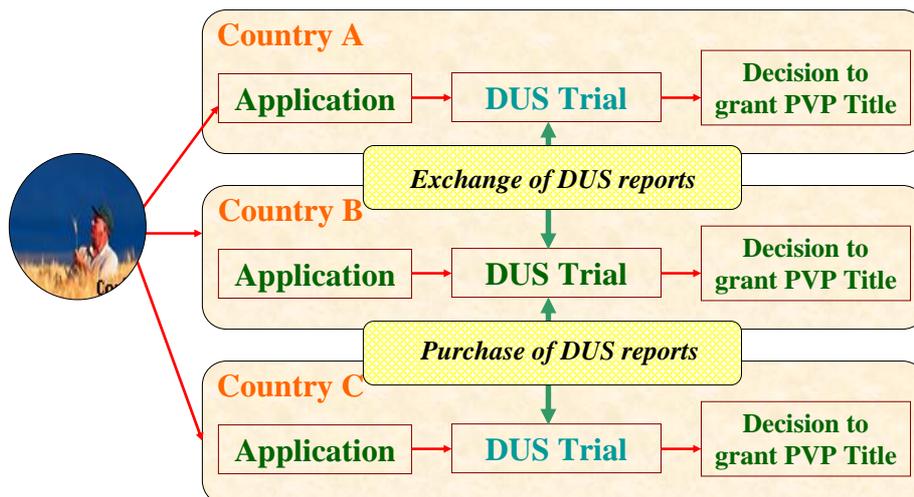
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- The UPOV Convention (Article 7(1) of the 1961/1972 and 1978 Acts and Article 12 of the 1991 Act) requires that a variety be examined for compliance with the distinctness, uniformity and stability criteria.
- The wording in the 1991 Act indicates that an authority may, for example, use one or more of the following arrangements:
- **(A) the authority conducts** growing **trials**, or other tests, itself
- **(B) the authority arranges for another party / other parties to conduct the** growing **trials** or other tests
- **(C) the authority takes into account the results of** growing tests or other **trials which have already been carried out**

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Cooperation in DUS Trial



UPOV Model administrative agreement (TGP/5): 350 CHF

COOPERATION



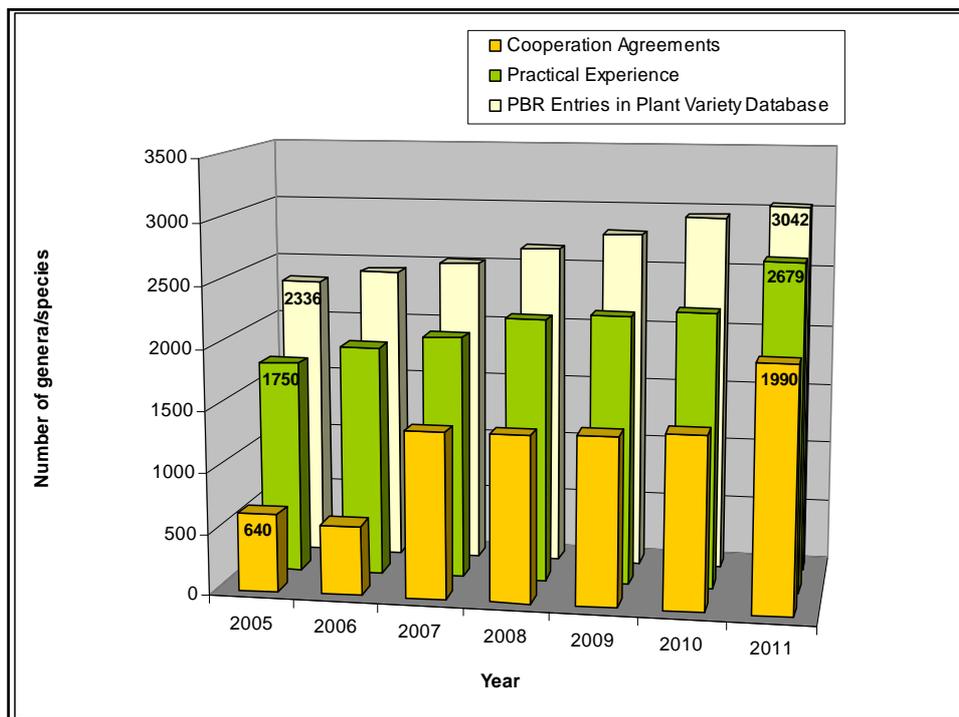
*Practical DUS
experience
offered for >2,700
genera and
species*

*Number of
genera/species for
which varieties
protected by members
of the Union: > 3,000
(>10,000 titles granted
/annum)*

*Agreements for
cooperation between
members of the
Union: > 1,900*

Taxa Protected by Members of the Union (2012)

- **53 members** (out of 70 members) of the **Union protect all genera and species**
- **5 members** (Ireland, Kenya, Lithuania, Panama and Republic of Korea) **extended protection to all plant genera and species**



Cooperation between Authorities

Cooperation between Authorities is important for:

- **minimizing** the **time** for DUS examination
- **minimizing** the **cost** of DUS examination
- **optimizing examination of Distinctness** in growing trials
- **offering protection for all plant genera and species**

Thank you!