

Experiences in the use of DUS test reports in Australia

Policy

Australian legislation allows the use of DUS test reports produced by other authorities under certain conditions.

- An application for the candidate variety has been lodged overseas, and the variety has been test grown by a UPOV member using UPOV test guidelines/protocols, and
- either, all the most similar varieties of common knowledge (including those in Australia) have been included in the overseas DUS trial, or

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- the new variety is so clearly distinct from all the Australian varieties of common knowledge that further DUS test growing is not warranted, and
- sufficient information is available to publish a description of the variety; and to satisfy the requirements of the Australian PBR Act

Benefits

- Reduced costs
when DUS trial is not required
- or
where a growing of only the candidate is required (verification trial).
- Can save time, if DUS report is already available.

Exceptions

- Potatoes – Overseas DUS test reports cannot be used. It is a requirement that a DUS trial be conducted in Australia.
- The final decision on the acceptability of the overseas DUS report rests with the PBR office.

Opportunities for improvement

- Most similar VCK and how it differs from candidate
- Information on grouping characteristics used.
- List of all varieties included in the trial
- Details on the growing conditions of the trial.
 - glasshouse/field, location, time of year

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