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VARIETY DENOMINATIONS

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1. At its fortieth ordinary session, held in Geneva on October 19, 2006, the Council adopted the “Explanatory notes on variety denominations under the UPOV Convention”, as contained in document C/40/12, and noted that prior guidance provided by the “UPOV Recommendations on Variety Denominations” (document UPOV/INF/12 Rev.), was superseded by those Explanatory Notes.
2. The adopted Explanatory Notes (document UPOV/INF/12/1) have been placed on the UPOV website (see http://www.upov.int/en/publications/pdf/inf_12_1.pdf).
3. On January 25, 2007, a circular was sent to the representatives of members of the Council of UPOV requesting the completion of a form to establish a list of contacts for the exchange of information on matters concerning variety denominations. The final list will be published on the first restricted area of the UPOV website.
4. The adoption of document UPOV/INF/12/1 has resulted in changes to the list of variety denomination classes, with the new list of classes being provided in document UPOV/INF/12/1, Annex I. The GENIE database and the spreadsheets on the UPOV website providing the lists of UPOV codes corresponding to variety denomination classes (see http://www.upov.int/restrict/en/upov_rom_upov_code_system/index.htm) have been updated accordingly. An additional spreadsheet has been provided to summarize the UPOV codes for which the denomination classes have been changed.

5. The Technical Working Party for Ornamental Plants and Forest Trees (TWO), at its thirty-ninth session, held in Fortaleza, Ceará State, Brazil, from August 28 to September 1, 2006, considered that there should be a possibility to update the Annex containing the variety denomination classes, in particular taking into account changes in botanical classifications and new species for which varieties were granted protection (see document TWO/39/12 “Report on the Conclusions”, paragraph 20).

6. At the fortieth session of the Technical Working Party for Vegetables (TWV), held in Guanajuato, Guanajuato State, Mexico, from June 12 to 16, 2006, the Chairman reported that there would be a Symposium on the Taxonomy of Cultivated Plants in the Netherlands from October 15 to 19, 2007. At that symposium it was planned to re-launch the International Association for Cultivated Plant Taxonomy which could ultimately take over the responsibility for reviewing and maintaining the International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants (ICNCP). It was noted that it would be important for UPOV to participate in that work to ensure harmonization with the UPOV guidance on variety denominations, where that was appropriate. UPOV has since been invited to make a presentation on “the UPOV recommendations on variety denominations” at the Symposium on the Taxonomy of Cultivated Plants, on October 18, 2007.

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