

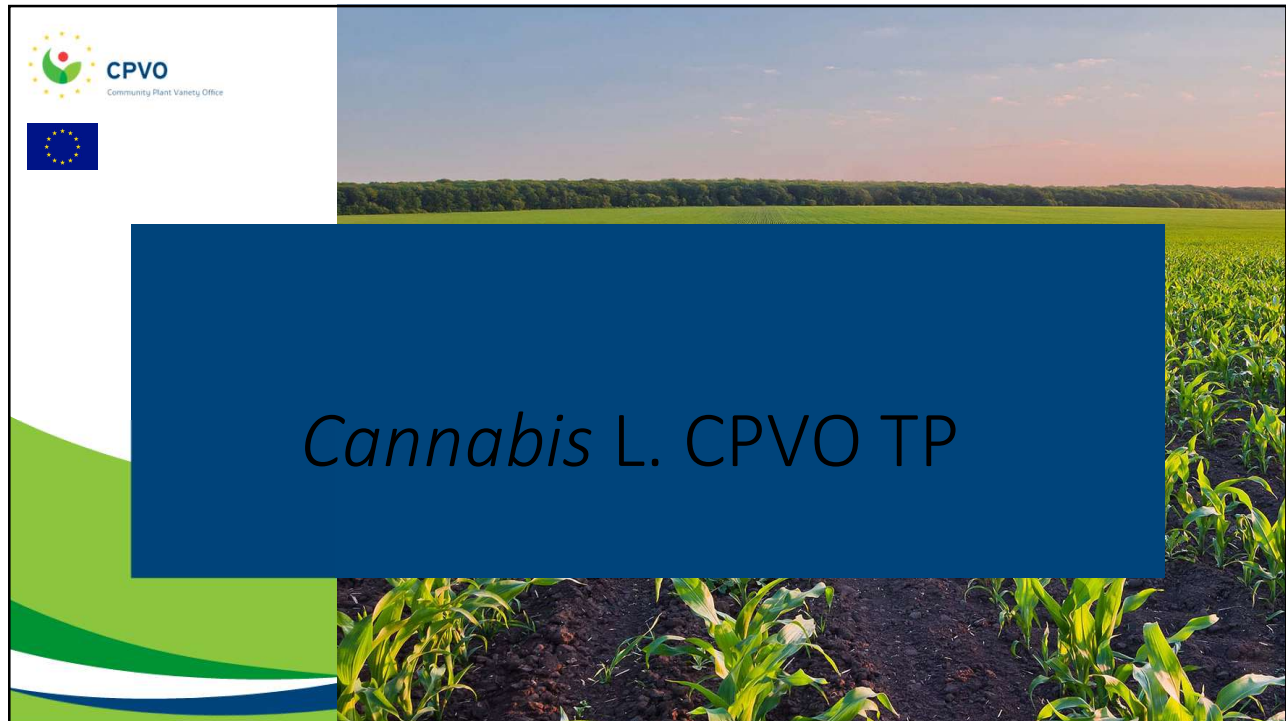
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**CANNABIS L. COMMUNITY PLANT VARIETY OFFICE (CPVO) TEST PROTOCOL (TP)***Document prepared by an expert from the European Union**Disclaimer: this document does not represent UPOV policies or guidance*

The annex to this document contains a presentation “*Cannabis* L. Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO) Test Protocol (TP)”, to be made by an expert from the European Union, at the fifty-fifth session of the TWA.

[Annex follows]





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## *Cannabis L.*

*In a spirit of harmonisation, CPVO would like to inform the TWA about the latest developments of the protocol used in EU.*

- New UPOV TG adopted on 08.06.2025 TG/276/2
- Based on the new UPOV TG, a draft revised of the CPVO-TP/276/3 has been prepared and discussed within EU network
- Some substantial comments have been received within EU
  - wording 'horticultural' type to be clarified
  - concept of feminised seeds to be clarified
- More extensive discussions have triggered some changes compared to the newly adopted UPOV TG
- New CPVO TP adopted on 01.04.2026 CPVO-TP/276/3

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## *Cannabis L.*

- Wording 'Horticultural type':

In the 1961 UN convention, this wording is used to define all varieties which are *not* considered as a narcotic drug, whereas in the CPVP TP and UPOV TG it was meant for varieties tested in a small-scale field or controlled environment (*often including varieties regulated as narcotic drug*). This could be misleading

- ✓ Difficult to find a new wording as this has been lengthy discussed



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## *Cannabis L.*

### Wording of the current UPOV TG

- A** Arable cultivation practice (large scale, field), varieties grown for fibre and (oil-) seed production
- H** Horticultural cultivation practice (small scale field or controlled environment), varieties grown for uses other than fibre and (oil-)seed production

### Wording proposed and adopted in CPVO TP

- A** Varieties for arable use (fibre and/or seed production)
- H** Varieties **for other use** (i.e. pharmaceutical use ...)



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## Cannabis L.

▪ In UPOV TG, current methods of propagation are

- S Seed-propagated
- V Vegetatively propagated
- F Feminized seed propagated

During technical discussion, it has been clarified that what was called '*feminised seed propagated varieties*' were meant as *varieties, multiplied by seeds, which produce only female plants*.

(This is not a different category of seeds, but rather a propagation method which produces only female plants).

Therefore the scheme has been reviewed, with

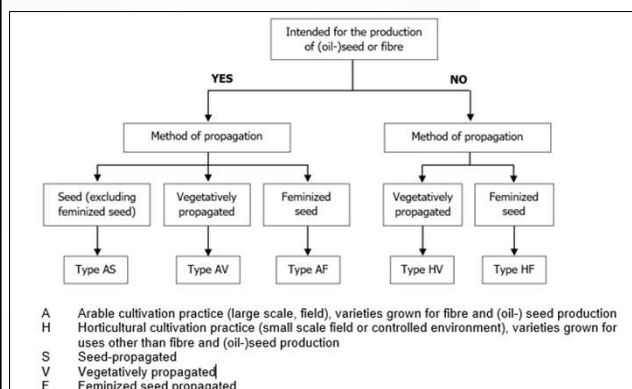
- only two ways of propagation (seeds and vegetatively)
- for varieties propagated by seeds, it could be either monoecious/dioecious varieties or female varieties



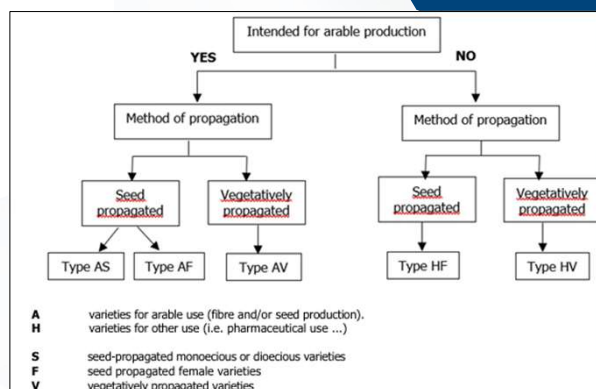
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## Cannabis L.

### UPOV TG scheme



### CPVO TP scheme





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Questions ?

Proposals ? Partial revision of the UPOV TG



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