



Providing Guidance on PVP

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Which guidance is provided by the PVP Office to breeders?

- for prospective new applicants, general basic information on role of PVP
- detailed information on administrative procedure
- detailed information on DUS testing system

What is not provided by the PVP Office?

The PVP Office does not provide any guidance on how to enforce the rights.



Guidance on the procedure

Official publications of the Plant Variety Office (Bulletin, Internet):

- How to file an application (forms, application dates)
- Requirements for submission of material (quantity, quality, dates, place)
- Fees
- Fundamental rules of DUS testing
- Test Guidelines (copies provided on request)
- Information on agreements with other countries on DUS test results

Individual consultations and advice on request

Regular meetings with the German breeders organisation

- each company is invited for 1-2 meetings/year
- important forum for information on any technical or legal developments

Regular visits of breeders to DUS trials

- Demonstration of technical elements



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Framework

- Bilateral activities, European programs
- Study visits of foreign experts to BSA
- Seminars, technical visits and presentations in other countries

Topics

- Legal basis and implementation of PVP in Europe and its member states (including seed market regulations)
- Sharing experience on organizational, administrative and technical elements, e.g.
 - How to organize a variety office
 - Development of own testing facilities or cooperation
 - Training in DUS testing (in general and for specific crops)

Activities in 2013-2014 with e.g.:

Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Ethiopia, India, Kosovo, Macedonia, Mongolia, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Ukraine,



Guidance developed by UPOV is very useful for the guidance we provide in particular in activities with other countries but also to breeders.

TG/1/3 General Introduction and associated TGP-documents

- e.g. TGP/4 Variety collections
- TGP/5 Experience and cooperation in DUS Testing
- TGP/7 Development of Test Guidelines
- TGP/8 Techniques used in DUS testing
- TGP/9 Distinctness
- TGP/10 Uniformity



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Providing information on PVP to agricultural and IP students

- Groups of students from universities and colleges visit DUS testing stations (general and technical presentations)
- Technical and legal experts from the Bundessortenamt provide lectures in special seminars and meetings for students



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THANK YOU!

