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ACCESSION OF NORWAY TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS

The Government of Norway deposited its instrument of
accession to the 1978 Act of the International Convention
for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants on
August 13, 1993. When the accession enters into force on
September 13, 1993, the number of member States of the
International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of
Plants (UPOV) will be 24. The States are the following:

Australia, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark,
Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy,
Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Slovakia,
South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom,
United States of America.

UPOV is an intergovernmental organization which
cooperates in administrative matters with the World
Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and has its
headquarters in the WIPO building in Geneva, Switzerland.

The purpose of the International Convention for the
Protection of New Varieties of Plants is to recognize and
to ensure an intellectual property right to the breeder of
a new plant variety. The member States of UPOV grant such
a right in accordance with the provisions of the Conven­
tion, under their national legislation. To be eligible
for protection, varieties have to belong to one of the
botanical genera or species on the national list of those
eligible for protection, be distinct from commonly known
varieties and be sufficiently homogeneous and stable.