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ACCESSION OF UKRAINE TO THE 1991 ACT
OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE
PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS


The purpose of UPOV is to provide and promote an effective system of plant variety protection, with the aim of encouraging the development of new varieties of plants, for the benefit of society.

Ukraine, which is already one of the sixty-three members of UPOV, is the thirty-seventh member to become bound by the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention. The 1991 Act will enter into force for Ukraine on January 19, 2007, one month after the deposit of its instrument of accession.

The 1991 Act strengthens the protection offered to plant breeders (the “breeder’s right”) and increases the incentive for plant breeding. However, it continues to leave protected varieties available for use as a source of variation for the development of other varieties.

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