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DES OBTENTIONS  
VÉGÉTALES

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PARA LA PROTECCIÓN  
DE LAS OBTENCIONES  
VEGETALES

GINEBRA, SUIZA

INTERNATIONAL UNION  
FOR THE PROTECTION  
OF NEW VARIETIES  
OF PLANTS

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RATIFICATION OF SWITZERLAND OF THE 1991 ACT  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE  
PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS

The Government of Switzerland deposited its instrument of ratification of the 1991 Act of the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants on August 1, 2008.

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.

Switzerland, which is already one of the sixty-five members of UPOV, is the forty-first member to become bound by the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention. The 1991 Act will enter into force for Switzerland on September 1, 2008, one month after the deposit of its instrument of ratification.

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