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


The purpose of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (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.

Canada, which is already one of the seventy-two members of UPOV, is the fifty-third member to become bound by the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention. The 1991 Act will enter into force for Canada on July 19, 2015, one month after the deposit of its instrument of ratification.

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