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


Kenya, which is already one of the seventy-four members of UPOV, is the fifty-sixth member to become bound by the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention. The 1991 Act will enter into force for Kenya on May 11, 2016, one month after the deposit of its instrument of accession.

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.

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