

Germany

Contribution on policy issues relevant for essentially derived varieties (EDVs)
(UPOV Circular E-19/232, of December 23, 2019)

The Federal Plant Variety Office Germany responds to your circular letter as follows:

Part (a)

For the potential revision of document UPOV/EXN/EDV/2 we suggest to consider the following elements:

SECTION I: PROVISIONS OF ESSENTIALLY DERIVED VARIETIES

(b) Defining an essentially derived variety

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Examples on ways in which an essentially derived variety may be obtained (Article 14(5)(c))

The examples provided in the Convention are not well structured, as the terms 'somaclonal variant' and 'selected variant individual' just indicate the origin of a natural or induced mutant. We do not question the text of the convention, but more elaborated explanation in UPOV/EXN/EDV could be useful.

Method of breeding

Explanation on the method of breeding should be revised. In particular, the second sentence in paragraph 15 is not clear.

Direct and indirect derivation

We suggest to improve Figure 2 in order to clarify that 'Z' is clearly distinguishable from 'A' but also clearly distinguishable from 'B' to 'Y'.

[...]