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# 1. INTRODUCTION BY BART KIEWIET, PRESIDENT OF THE CPVO



## • The state of the system

As in preceding years, in 2005, the Community PVR system witnessed an increase in the number of applications and in the number of titles granted. The Office received 2 734 applications (2 655 in 2004) and granted 2 178 new titles (the same number as in 2004). The total number of varieties protected under the Community system was 11 505 on 31 December of 2005, a large increase compared with the 1 091 reached at the end of the previous year. As these statistics show, there is no equilibrium and even a deficit between titles granted and titles surrendered. This means that a further growth in the number of Community rights in force can be expected over the coming years.

Community plant variety protection is open for varieties of all species and genera. The CPVO is confronted almost weekly with applications for varieties of species, especially in respect of ornamentals, that were until then unknown to the Community system. At the end of the reporting year, more than 1 000 different species were covered by this system. The CPVO has so far been able to find examination facilities to test the candidate varieties of 'new' species at competent examination offices.

## • CPVO customer satisfaction survey

The Office has decided to carry out a survey, the objectives of which were to reveal the opinions of CPVO customers concerning:

- the quality and cost of the Community system,
- the quality and cost of the services provided,
- our methods of communication in general and particularly the e-business solutions provided.

The execution of the survey was awarded to IFOP International, a Paris-based company, through a European call for tender. The outcome of the survey was quite satisfactory for the Office as the main conclusions show that:

- overall, 90 % of respondents were satisfied with the CPVO,
- the costs of the system were considered reasonable.

Further improvements should focus on:

- the effectiveness of protection,
- keeping delays short,
- communication about the system,
- the introduction of e-business facilities.





*10th anniversary of the CPVO in Angers*

### • Tenth anniversary of the Community system

In the presence of the Director-General of the Health and Consumer Protection DG, members of the French parliament, the French senate, the Prefect of Maine et Loire, local and regional politicians, the members of the Administrative Council, breeders and their representatives and technical experts from our examination offices the CPVO celebrated its 10th anniversary on 13 June 2005. It was a successful event reflecting the healthy state of the Community plant variety protection system.

### • Strategic discussion

On 14 June, the strategic discussion on the modalities of DUS testing in the European Community was launched in an extraordinary meeting of the Administrative Council with representatives of the other parties concerned. The aim of this discussion is to review the structure and modalities of DUS testing in the European Community. A review does not necessarily result in modifications. It could be that the present situation is considered as optimal or at least as the best of the available alternatives.

All the players in the field, such as PVR and listing authorities and the breeders' organisations have been asked to express their views in this respect on the basis of a questionnaire prepared by the CPVO. The questionnaire is based on three options for change of the actual situation:

- A. concentration of DUS testing in the agricultural, vegetables and fruit sectors;
- B. reorganisation of the DUS testing in the ornamental sector;
- C. strengthening the role of the breeders by:
  - the involvement of breeders in the performance of the DUS tests, or
  - offering breeders a free choice out of accredited examination offices, or
  - permitting greater independence of examination offices in their relation to the listing or PVR authorities.

### • UPOV membership

The accession to UPOV of the European Community on 29 July of the reporting year is an important event for the CPVO. I would like to express my satisfaction that, after so many years, the representatives of the European Community will be upgraded from their observer status to full membership.

The representatives of the Member States and the European Community have found in UPOV meetings a modus which enables them to exercise their respective responsibilities in a balanced way. As far as the representation of the European Community is concerned, the CPVO fully accepts that in respect of policy matters the Commission is





*Mr Kyprianou's visit in Angers*

the competent Community organ but it expects that its own role in the Community delegation will be in line with its responsibilities for the application and implementation of the Community PVR system.

- **Possible new tasks of the CPVO**

Commissioner Kyprianou announced at his visit to the CPVO on 6 December 2005 that the Commission is considering the possibility of attributing new — executive — tasks to the CPVO. Tasks mentioned were the management of the common catalogues, the coordination of the comparative tests and trials and the checking of denominations of varieties to be listed in the common catalogues, in so far as these tasks at present fall under the responsibility of Commission services. The Commission services will present a discussion paper in 2006 that would enable the parties concerned, such as Member States and the CPVO, to express their views in this respect.

- **Visit of Mr Kyprianou to the CPVO**

Commissioner Kyprianou, who is responsible for the Health and Consumer Protection DG, paid a visit to the Office on 6 December 2005. During his visit the CPVO President was able to present the CPVO and the Community PVR system. After meeting with the members of the CPVO staff, a press conference took place at which Mr Kyprianou expressed his satisfaction with the performance of the CPVO. He furthermore announced that the Commission is considering the possibility of transferring new tasks to the Office. During a buffet, the Commissioner met the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Administrative Council, the prefect and local politicians, representatives of ESA and Ciopora, and the senior staff of the CPVO.

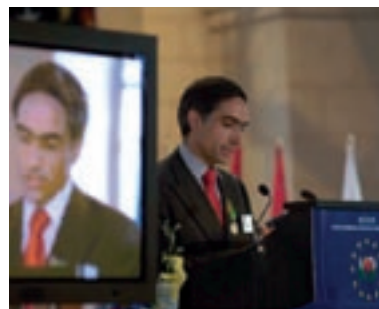
**Bart Kiewiet**  
*President of the CPVO*







## 2. FOREWORD BY CARLOS PEREIRA GODINHO, CHAIRMAN OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL



### • Introduction

The year 2005 was an important one in the history of the CPVO. On 13 June, the Office celebrated its 10th anniversary in the festive environment of the Grenier Saint Jean in Angers. Many stakeholders, such as members of the CPVO Administrative Council, representatives of examination offices, breeders and their representatives, as well as the Director-General of the Health and Consumer Protection DG of the European Commission, a representative of the French Ministry of Agriculture and many local and regional politicians celebrated this event, together with the CPVO staff.

The Community plant variety protection system has seen a steady growth since its start in 1995. The statistics in this report are the best illustration of the attractiveness of the system for breeders who want to protect their new varieties on a European scale. The story of the CPVO is indeed a success story.

Success has as a rule many parents. In this case I would like to mention the initiator of the Community PVR legislation, Dieter Obst, former official of the European Commission, Louis van Eylen, my predecessor as Chairman of the Administrative Council, Bart Kiewiet, the President of the CPVO, José Elena, its Vice-President, and the rest of the CPVO staff.

We said goodbye to some (alternate) members of the Administrative Council: Mr G. van der Lely (NL) and Mr M. Gavras (EL). I would like to thank them for their valuable contribution to the work of the Office.

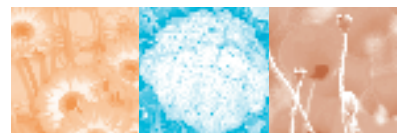
The last part of my contribution to this annual report is the analysis and the assessment of the authorising officer's report for 2005. This document was adopted by the Administrative Council at its meeting of 14 and 15 March 2006.

### • Analysis and assessment of the authorising officer's report

The President of the Community Plant Variety Office presented the annual activity report for the year 2005 to the Administrative Council at its meeting in Angers on 14 and 15 March 2006.

The Administrative Council analysed and assessed the report and came to the following conclusions.

1. The system continued its growth.
2. The reserve was reduced and the reduced annual fees from the year 2006 onwards can be expected to accelerate the speed of the reduction during the years ahead.
3. The Administrative Council welcomes the formalisation of internal control and the risk assessment and is satisfied with the results of the internal audit. It is particularly satisfied with the achievements in mitigating the risks identified.





4. The Administrative Council takes note of the information on *ex post* verifications, negotiated procedures and the confirmation of instructions.
5. The Administrative Council takes note of the declaration of the authorising officer that his report gives a true view and that he has reasonable assurance that the resources assigned to the activities described in his report have been used for their intended purpose and in accordance with the principles of sound financial management, and that the control procedures put in place give the necessary guarantees concerning the legality and regularity of the underlying transactions. The Administrative Council is satisfied that the President of the CPVO is unaware of any matter not reported which could harm the interests of the CPVO.

**Carlos Pereira Godinho**  
*Chairman of the  
Administrative Council*

### 3. THE COMMUNITY PLANT VARIETY RIGHTS SYSTEM

The introduction of a Community plant variety rights system in 1995 proved to be a successful initiative that has been welcomed by the business community seeking intellectual property protection for new plant varieties. As has been mentioned in the introduction of this annual report, the number of applications has increased every year and the Community Plant Variety Office ('the Office') has adapted its size and organisation to meet the increased demand.

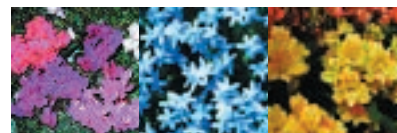
Through the enlargement by 10 new Member States of the EU, the Community plant variety rights system is even more attractive than before. Breeders may now be granted protection guaranteeing exclusive exploitation rights for a variety throughout 25 countries on the basis of a single application to the Office. Further enlargement of the Community is envisaged in the near future.

The Community plant variety rights system is not intended to replace or even harmonise national systems but rather to exist alongside them, as an alternative; indeed, it is not possible for the owner of a variety simultaneously to exploit a Community plant variety right (CPVR) and a national right or patent in relation to that variety. Where a CPVR already exists in relation to a variety, any national right or patent granted for that variety will be ineffective. Where a CPVR is granted in relation to a variety for which a national right or patent has already been granted, the national right or patent is rendered ineffective for the duration of the CPVR.

The legal basis for the Community plant variety rights system is found in Council Regulation (EC) No 2100/94 (hereafter 'the basic regulation'). On receipt of an application for a CPVR, the Office must establish that the variety is novel and that it satisfies the criteria of distinctness, uniformity and stability (DUS). The Office may arrange for a technical examination, to determine DUS, to be carried out by the competent offices in Member States or by other appropriate agencies outside the European Community. In order to avoid unnecessary duplication of work, where such a technical examination is being or has already been carried out in relation to a variety for official purposes, the Office may, subject to certain conditions, accept the results of that examination.

Anyone may lodge an objection to the granting of a CPVR with the Office, in writing and within specified time limits. The grounds for objection are restricted to allegations either that the conditions laid down in Articles 7 to 11 of the basic regulation are not met (distinctness, uniformity, stability, novelty or entitlement), or that the proposed variety denomination is unsuitable due to one of the impediments listed in Article 63. Objectors become parties to the application proceedings and are entitled to access relevant documents.

Except in two specific instances where a direct action against a decision of the Office may be brought before the European Court of Justice, a right of appeal against such a decision lies to a Board of Appeal consisting of a chairman, appointed by the Council and two other members selected by the chairman from a list compiled by the Admin-





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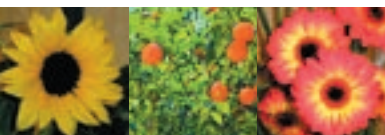
CPVO main entrance in Angers

istrative Council. The addressee of a decision, or another person who is directly and individually concerned by the decision, may appeal against it. After examining the appeal the Board may exercise any power within the competence of the Office or remit the case to the Office, which is bound by the Board's decision. Actions may be brought before the European Court of Justice against decisions of the Board.

The table in the annex (Chapter 16) gives, since the beginning, the number of notice(s) of appeal lodged with the CPVO and the decisions reached by the Board of Appeal.

Once granted, the duration of a CPVR is 25 years, or 30 years in the case of potato, vine and tree varieties. These periods may be extended by legislation for a further five years in relation to specific genera or species. The effect of a CPVR is that certain specified activities in relation to variety constituents or harvested material of the newly protected variety require the prior authorisation of the holder of the right, which authorisation may be made subject to conditions and limitations. Infringement of a CPVR entitles the holder of the right to commence civil proceedings against the perpetrator of the infringement.

Registers, open to public inspection, contain details of all applications received and all CPVRs granted by the Office. Every two months, the Office publishes its *Gazette of the Community Plant Variety Office*, which also provides this information, as well as other material.



## 4. THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The Office is supervised by an Administrative Council comprising one representative from each Member State, one from the European Commission, and their alternates.

The Administrative Council monitors the activities of the Office. In particular, it is responsible for examining the management report of the President, adopting the Office's budget, and granting discharge to the President in respect of its implementation. In addition, it can provide advice, establish rules on working methods within the Office and issue guidelines on technical examinations, committees of the Office and general matters.

The Administrative Council met three times in 2005, on 30 and 31 March, 14 June, and 30 November and 1 December.

At the **meeting of 30 and 31 March**, the provisional accounts and financial analysis for the 2004 financial year were presented, together with the preliminary draft budget for 2006. The members of the Administrative Council granted discharge to the President of the CPVO for the implementation of the budget for 2003.

They also adopted:

- the supplementary and amending budget for 2005;
- the authorising officer's report, which, in accordance with Article 39(2) of the financial regulation, was sent to the Court of Auditors and included in the Annual Report for 2004;
- the wording of the new Article 79 of the financial regulation, subject to the approval of the Court of Auditors.

The members of the Administrative Council took note of the report on the internal audit carried out by PricewaterhouseCoopers in 2004, which dealt with the organisation of the register, examined the budget accounting IT system and reviewed the results of IFOP's survey of CPVO customer satisfaction (the report had been posted on the CPVO's website).

They discussed several other important matters, including:

- the project for a centralised database for variety denominations;
- future strategy for the organisation of DUS tests;
- contribution by the CPVO to the funding of research and development projects;
- status of plant material used for DUS tests.

Finally, the members of the Administrative Council asked the CPVO to prepare a plan, based on a reduction in the annual fee, for reducing the reserve.

At the **meeting of 14 June**, the Administrative Council, by unanimous vote of the voting members present or voting by proxy, adopted the reserve reduction model based on an application fee of EUR 900 and an annual fee of EUR 200. These fees would take effect on 1 January 2006.





CPVO's Administrative Council in Rome

Seminar with the Italian breeders in Rome

For the purchase of a new building at No 9 boulevard Foch, Angers, close to the current offices at No 3, as well as for other purposes, the members of the Administrative Council unanimously adopted the second supplementary and amending budget for 2005.

At the same meeting, the CPVO's new technical protocol for onions and shallots was adopted by a majority of members, with France abstaining. Finally, the five CPVO committees, whose term of office had expired on 31 December 2004, were renewed on an identical basis (except as regards the terminological changes resulting from the amendment of the basic regulation).

Lastly, in the presence of the technical liaison officers and the members of the Administrative Council, the CPVO officially embarked on a strategic discussion of DUS tests in an enlarged Community. A document setting out action plans for the introduction of 'e-business client' solutions was considered in detail.

At the **meeting of 30 November and 1 December**, the Administrative Council, by unanimous vote of the voting members present or voting by proxy:

- adopted the draft budget for 2006;
- agreed to extend until 28 February 2006 the deadline for filing applications for subsidies for research and development projects for 2006;
- adopted the 22 CPVO technical protocols for Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrot, chick-pea, industrial chicory, endive, French beans, lettuce, snapdragon/antirrhinum, argyranthemum, aster, brachyscome, everlasting daisy/strawflower, crown of thorns, eustoma, gentian, gladiolus, amaryllis, kalanchoe, lily, rhododendron, tulip and potato.

The members of the Administrative Council took note:

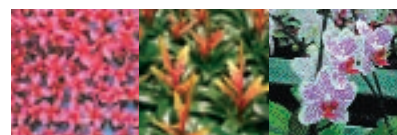
- of the draft internal audit report compiled by PricewaterhouseCoopers in 2005, which analysed the application process, the decision-making process and the security of the information systems;
- that with regard to contracts with examination offices, the CPVO had suggested extending the term of the current contracts and their remuneration, while applying a deflation factor in agreement with the examination offices.

The members of the Administrative Council were also informed of the evaluation of the seminar on enforcement of plant variety rights held in Brussels in October 2005 and of the draft document setting out details of follow-up action.

They also agreed to the CPVO's participation in the 'multi-beneficiary' programme for preparing Croatia and Turkey to take part in the Community plant variety protection system, given the assurance by the Budget DG that its participation would not jeopardise its financial independence.

**CHAIRMAN OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL****Mr C. Pereira Godinho** (Portugal)**DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL****Mr H.-P. Zach** (Austria)**MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL**

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<b>Czech Republic</b>	Mr J. Staňa Mr Jurečka (alternate)
<b>Denmark</b>	Ms M. Buus Ms H. Elberling (alternate)
<b>Germany</b>	Mr U. Von Kröcher Mr J. Habben (alternate)
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<b>Greece</b>	Mr M. Gavras Mr E. Zangilis (alternate)
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<b>Finland</b>	Mr A. Vuori vacant
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<b>United Kingdom</b>	Mr M. Wray Mr M. Miller (alternate)
<b>European Commission</b>	Mrs J. Husu-Kallio Mr J. Gennatas (alternate)





## 5. STAFF OF THE CPVO

In December 2005, the Office comprised 11 officials, 29 temporary agents and three auxiliary agents. Twelve nationalities from the European Union's Member States were represented. One seconded national expert from Poland was also working within the Office until the end of September 2005.

### • Organisation of the Office

Under the general direction of its President, assisted by the Vice-President, the Office is organised internally into two units and three support services dealing with legal, personnel and IT matters.

- The **Technical Unit** has as its principal tasks: general coordination of the various technical sectors of the Community plant variety rights system; reception and checking of applications for protection; organisation of technical examinations and technical reports; organisation of variety denomination examinations; preparation for granting of rights; maintenance of the Office's registers, production of official technical publications; relations with applicants, national offices, stakeholders and international organisations; active participation in international committees of technical experts and cooperation in the development of technical analyses and studies intended to improve the system.
- The **Administrative and Financial Unit** is active in two areas.
  - *Administrative Section*: awarding contracts for goods, services or works in compliance with the procedures in the CPVO's financial regulation; the conclusion, administration and management of contracts; organisation of the Office's publications; administration, management and monitoring of the Office's inventory of movable property and buildings; administration of requirements in logistical, office automation, computing and operational resources with a view to ensuring the smooth functioning of the Office.
  - *Financial Section*: management of the financial workflow of the Office (commitment, validation, authorisation and payment of expenditure, in particular that relating to technical matters); recovery of revenue, reimbursement of undue sums; reserve funds and cash, maintenance of the budgetary and general accounting systems and preparation of budgets and financial documents; management of the fees system.
- The **legal support service** provides legal advice to the President and other members of the Office staff, in principle on matters related to the Community plant variety rights system, but also on questions of an administrative nature; it provides legal interpretations and opinions and also draws up draft legislation; it participates in various CPVO committees, thus ensuring that Community procedures and legislation are respected; it manages the administration of objections to applications for CPVRs and provides the Secretariat of the Office's Board of Appeal.
































*CPVO staff*

- The **personnel support service** deals with the administration and management of the Office's human resources in compliance with the Staff Regulations of the European Commission.
- The **IT team** ensures that the Office runs smoothly in computing terms. Its tasks include: analysis of the Office's hardware and software requirements; the design, development and installation of new programs specific to the Office; development and maintenance of the websites of the Office; installation of standard programs; maintenance of the computer installation and its administration; the computer system's security; the helpdesk and interinstitutional cooperation in computing.

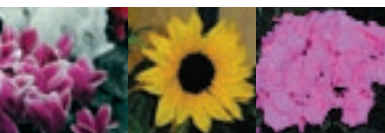


# ORGANISATIONAL CHART OF THE CPVO

<p><b>MANAGEMENT</b></p>	 <p><b>President</b> Bart Kiewiet</p>	 <p><b>Vice-President</b> José Elena</p>	<p><b>SUPPORTING SERVICES</b></p>	 <p><b>Secretary to the Vice-President</b> Cyrille Antoine</p>	 <p><b>Information Technology</b> Jean-Louis Curnier</p>	 <p><b>Secretary to the Board of Appeal</b> Véronique Doreau</p>	 <p><b>Head of Legal Unit</b> Martin Ekvad</p>	 <p><b>Personnel</b> Anna Isgren</p>	 <p><b>Information Technology</b> Patrick Lecoq</p>	 <p><b>Information Technology</b> Marc Rouillard</p>	 <p><b>Secretary to the President</b> Marleen Van de Meulebroeke</p>			
<p><b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL UNIT (AFU)</b></p>	 <p><b>Secretary</b> Deirdre Antier</p>	 <p><b>Filing Clerk</b> Sharmila Assane Ali</p>	 <p><b>General Services</b> Thierry Cluzeau</p>	 <p><b>Secretary Accounting/Finances</b> Valérie De Caestecker</p>	 <p><b>Accounting</b> Roseline Fagel</p>	 <p><b>Accounting</b> Anne-Marie Fernandez</p>	 <p><b>Secretary to the Head of A.F.U.</b> Béatrice Hodet</p>	 <p><b>Invoicing</b> Athalie Huygebaert</p>	 <p><b>Reception</b> Daniëlle Leenaarts</p>	 <p><b>Finances</b> Ekaterina Mantziaris</p>	 <p><b>Administration</b> Gil Oliveira</p>	 <p><b>Administration</b> Fabienne Santoire</p>	 <p><b>Filing Clerk</b> Manuel Teixeira</p>	 <p><b>Head of A.F.U.</b> Thomas Wollersen</p>

 <b>Database Manager</b> Carole Bonneau	 <b>Ornamentals</b> Ursula Braun	 <b>Denominations</b> Rudi Caes	 <b>Register</b> Pierre-Emmanuel Fouille	 <b>Register</b> Anne Gardener	 <b>Register</b> Nadège Grantham	 <b>Secretary</b> Ghislaine Guilbert	 <b>Ornamentals</b> Ton Kwakkenbos
 <b>Register</b> Eugenio Maiorini	 <b>Deputy Head of Technical Unit</b> Jean Maison	 <b>Secretary to the Head of TU</b> Aline Nogues	 <b>Fruit and Vegetables</b> Sergio Semon	 <b>Head of TU</b> Dirk Theobald	 <b>Secretary</b> Laurence Theodore	 <b>Ornamentals</b> Jens Wegner	 <b>Agricultural Species</b> Anne Weitz

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\* The above organisational chart comprises those members of the CPVO employed as Officials and Temporary Agents on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005



## 6. ENFORCEMENT OF PLANT VARIETY RIGHTS

### • Introduction

The enforcement of intellectual property rights has become a priority for the industry and regulators. As regards a new proposal to criminalise infringements, Commission Vice-President Franco Frattini, has stated that effective approximation of Member States' criminal legislation in this field is the minimum needed to pursue together a major campaign aimed at eradicating these phenomena which are causing serious harm to the economy. Nowadays, criminal organisations are focusing on these activities, which are often more lucrative than other forms of trafficking and on which the authorities do not crack down as much. Counterfeiters and pirates undermine legitimate businesses and pose a threat to innovation. What is more, in many cases the counterfeit goods are prejudicial to public health and safety <sup>(1)</sup>. As for other types of intellectual property rights, Community plant varieties are being infringed. Varieties representing a high value are produced in third countries and imported into the EU and illegal propagation of protected varieties is conducted within the borders of the EU. It is indeed crucial that the protection offered by the Community system does not end with a right being granted, but that tools to come to terms with infringements are also made available. Enforcement of intellectual property rights are mainly dealt with through national courts and authorities, but the Community legislator has been active in order to create legal tools to be implemented and applied by national bodies. The text below aims at highlighting the tools that may be used for breeders when enforcing their rights.

### • Council Regulation (EC) No 2100/94

Article 30(1)(i) of the UPOV Convention 1991 provides that each contracting party must provide for legal remedies for the effective enforcement of breeders' rights. Part III of the TRIPS Agreement relates to enforcement of intellectual property rights. Council Regulation (EC) No 2100/94 <sup>(2)</sup> (the 'basic regulation') provides some basic conditions regarding civil claims, infringements and jurisdiction (Articles 94 to 107). These rules ensure that there will always be a competent national court to deal with infringements of Community plant variety rights. The basic regulation provides that the rules of procedure concerning infringements are governed by corresponding national law and that Member States shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that the same provisions are made applicable to penalise infringements of Community plant variety rights as apply in the matter of infringements of corresponding national rights. The remedies provided under the basic regulation are injunctions and damages.

<sup>(1)</sup> See the press release from the Commission (IP/06/532 of 26.4.2006).

<sup>(2)</sup> Council Regulation (EC) No 2100/94 of 27 July 1994 on Community plant variety rights (OJ L 227, 1.9.1994, p. 1).



*Seminar on enforcement of plant variety rights in Brussels*

### • **The enforcement directive**

Directive 2004/48/EC on enforcements of intellectual property rights must be implemented into national law by all Member States by 29 April 2006 <sup>(3)</sup> (the 'enforcement directive'). It has been established that, despite the obligations Member States have under the TRIPS Agreement, major disparities as regards the means of enforcing intellectual property still exists <sup>(4)</sup>. The objective of the enforcement directive is to harmonise the area of civil legal procedures on enforcement of intellectual property rights in the Member States so as to ensure a high, equivalent and homogenous level of protection in the internal market <sup>(5)</sup>. However, the directive should not affect substantive law on intellectual property <sup>(6)</sup>. The Commission has adopted a list comprising the intellectual property rights that the Commission believes is covered by the directive. National and Community plant variety rights are covered by the list <sup>(7)</sup>. The directive includes an obligation on the Member States to provide for a number of measures in their national laws relating to issues such as procedures and remedies, evidence, right of information, provisional and precautionary measures, injunctions and legal costs. Measures for preserving evidence could be of particular importance for holders of plant variety rights that need to get access to private glass houses or private fields in order to get samples of plant material suspected of infringing their rights.

### • **Regulation on customs actions**

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1383/2003 <sup>(8)</sup> on customs actions (the 'customs regulation') has been in force since 1 July 2004 <sup>(9)</sup>. The customs regulation replaced its predecessor, Regulation (EC) No 3295/94 <sup>(10)</sup>. A major improvement for plant breeders was introduced in the new version since it comprises plant variety rights, which was not the case with Regulation No 3295/94. The basic principles of the regulation are

<sup>(3)</sup> Directive 2004/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the enforcement of intellectual property rights (OJ L 195, 2.6.2004, p. 16).

<sup>(4)</sup> Recital 7 of the enforcement directive.

<sup>(5)</sup> Recital 10 of the enforcement directive.

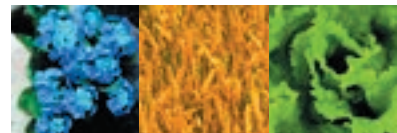
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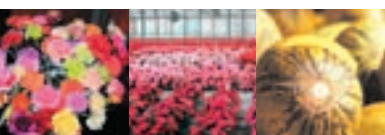
<sup>(7)</sup> Commission statement 2005/295/EC (OJ L 94, 13.4.2005, p. 37).

<sup>(8)</sup> Council Regulation (EC) No 1383/2003 of 22 July 2003 concerning customs action against goods suspected of infringing certain intellectual property rights and the measures to be taken against goods found to have infringed such rights (OJ L 196, 2.8.2003, p. 7).

<sup>(9)</sup> The regulation is accompanied by an implementing regulation; Commission Regulation (EC) No 1891/2004 of 21 October 2004 laying down provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1383/2003 concerning customs actions against goods suspected of infringing certain intellectual property rights and the measures to be taken against goods found to have infringed such rights (OJ L 328, 30.10.2004, p. 16).

<sup>(10)</sup> Council Regulation (EC) No 3295/94 of 22 December 1994 laying down measures to prohibit the release for free circulation, export, re-export or entry for a suspensive procedure of counterfeit and pirated goods (OJ L 341, 30.12.2004, p. 8).





rather simple. It gives the customs authorities the right to stop (and under certain circumstances even destroy) goods suspected of infringing a plant variety right subject to customs clearance. The regulation only applies to imports/exports to/from the EU and cannot be invoked concerning trade between Member States of the EU. The customs authorities may either initiate the procedure themselves based on their own information and experience or act upon a request from a right-holder. In most cases, the right-holder must, in parallel, initiate actions in a national court in order to prolong the time during which the goods may be kept by the customs authorities and in order to get a final decision as regards whether an infringement has actually taken place. In order to safeguard the interest of the owner of the goods and to avoid abusive actions from right-holders, procedures with specific time limits apply. The right-holder must also sign a declaration in which he assumes the financial liability should the import/export prove to have been legal. However, no other security, such as a bank guarantee, needs to be issued. The regulation is directly applicable in all Member States, which is an advantage since the procedures are standardised and equally applicable in all Member States. There are examples of breeders having prevented illegal imports of protected plant varieties through close cooperation with national customs authorities in, for instance, Portugal and the United Kingdom.

#### • Proposed directive on criminal measures

Criminal sanctions were proposed to be introduced in the enforcement directive but were finally omitted <sup>(1)</sup>. One of the reasons for not including criminal sanctions was that the legal basis was unclear. It was not established if the Community had competence to adopt criminal sanctions in this area. The Commission, however, adopted a proposal for a directive on criminal measures <sup>(2)</sup> and a proposal for a Council framework decision to strengthen the criminal law framework to combat intellectual property offences <sup>(3)</sup>. A decision from the European Court of Justice cleared the doubts on the question on the legal basis and established that the Communities have such competence <sup>(4)</sup>. The scope of the proposed directive includes plant variety rights. The proposed Article 1 states that the measures should apply to intellectual property rights provided for in Community legislation and/or national legislation in the Member States. All intentional infringements on a commercial scale should be treated as criminal offences, as well as attempting, aiding or abetting and inciting such infringements. For natural persons, sanctions such as custodial sentences, fines and confiscation of

<sup>(1)</sup> Article 20 of the Commission proposal for the enforcement directive: 'serious infringements' should be treated as a criminal offence subject to certain criminal sanctions.

<sup>(2)</sup> COM(2005) 276 final of 12 July 2005, 2005/0127 (COD).

<sup>(3)</sup> COM(2005) 276 final of 12 July 2005, 2005/0128 (CNS).

<sup>(4)</sup> Case C-176/03, *Commission v Council*, 13 September 2005.

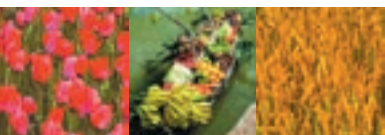
infringing goods are proposed. Legal persons could be subject to sanctions such as fines and confiscation.

- **The role of the Office**

Despite the availability of all these legal instruments, experience shows that breeders encounter many problems when fighting against infringements. Enforcement is, in the first place, a responsibility of the right-holder. Nevertheless the CPVO considers it its task to assist right-holders in this respect. This might be done by giving assistance, for instance by means of the assessment of allegedly infringing plant material, to the competent judicial authorities. Another option is giving information to interested parties about the implications of Community plant variety protection. For this reason, the Office organised a general seminar on enforcement of plant variety rights in October in Brussels. The intention of the Office is to follow up the general seminar with regional seminars to be held in Poland and Spain.







## 7. FINANCE AND BUDGET

### Revenue

The Office's revenue basically comprises various fees paid by applicants for and holders of Community plant variety rights and revenue from interest on bank accounts. The total revenue collected in 2005 was EUR 9.5 million.

The principal types of revenue collected in 2005 are broken down as follows:

- **Fees**

Fees received in 2005 totalled EUR 8.8 million. This amount was composed of EUR 2.5 million from application fees, EUR 2.6 million from examination fees, EUR 0.2 million from report fees and EUR 3.5 million from annual fees.

- **Interest on bank accounts**

EUR 0.4 million was collected in interest on the Office's current accounts.

### Expenditure

The total amount for recorded expenditure and commitments carried over was EUR 9.9 million.

- **Staff expenditure**

The total amount of staff expenditure was EUR 4.3 million. Almost 100 % of the appropriations for wages were used.

- **Expenditure on buildings and movable property and miscellaneous administrative expenditure**

The total amount committed for this expenditure was EUR 2.8 million, comprising EUR 2.2 million disbursed during the year and EUR 0.6 million to be disbursed in the following year.

- **Operational expenditure**

The total amount committed for this expenditure was EUR 5.3 million. The total of outstanding commitments to be disbursed in subsequent years was EUR 8.7 million at the end of 2005.



10th anniversary of the CPVO in Angers

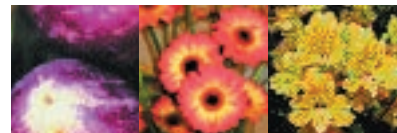


Hortifair in the Netherlands

## Out-turn for the financial year and accumulated reserve fund

The net out-turn for the year is the difference between revenue and expenditure, including carry-overs of commitments to subsequent years and commitments carried over from the previous year that were not used and were therefore cancelled.

	<i>million EUR</i>
Budgetary outcome of the financial year	– 1.6
Non-budgetary expenses	0.1
Non-budgetary income	0.5
Net outcome of the financial year	– 1.1
Cumulated outcome carried over from the previous financial year	12.2
Outcome to be carried over	11.1

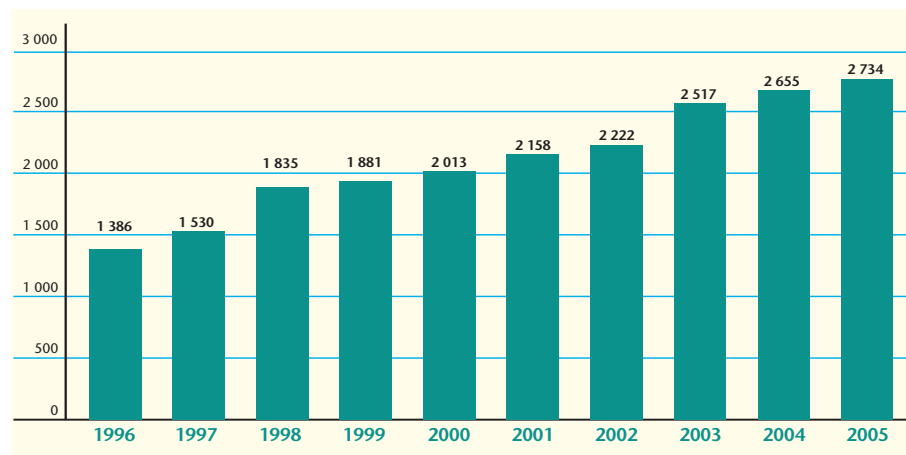


## 8. DEVELOPMENTS IN THE **COMMUNITY SYSTEM**

### A. STATISTICS AND 10-YEAR ANALYSIS

#### 1. Applications for Community plant variety protection

In 2005, the Office received 2 734 applications for Community plant variety protection. As illustrated in Graph 1, this represents again an increase (+ 2.98 %) compared with the year 2004.

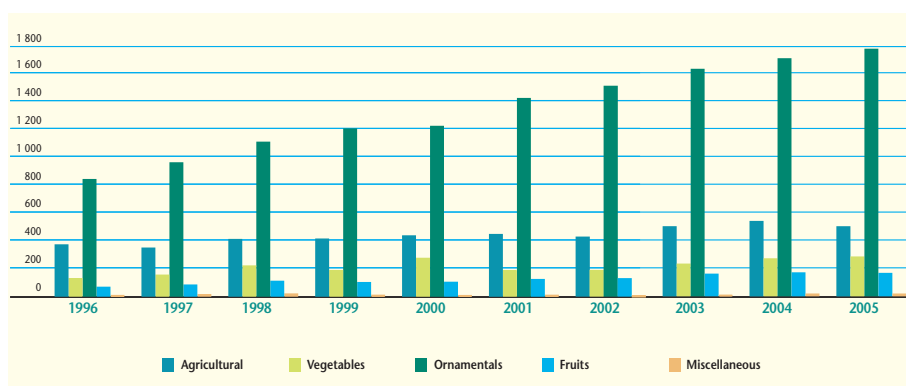


**GRAPH 1: EVOLUTION OF THE ANNUAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION (YEARS 1996–2005)**

Vegetable species, as illustrated in Graph 2, show the highest increase compared with other species, with + 12.6 %.

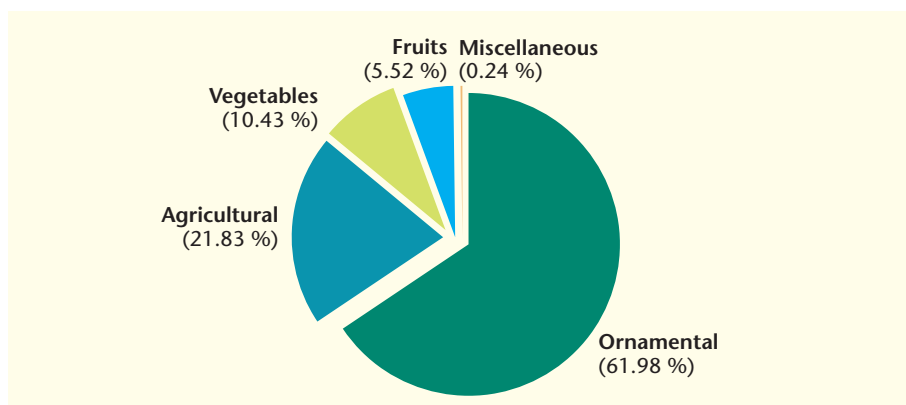
As for ornamentals, an increase in application numbers of 5.3 % was recorded.

By contrast, decreasing application numbers were noticed for agricultural species (– 6.9 %) and for fruit species (– 4.1 %).

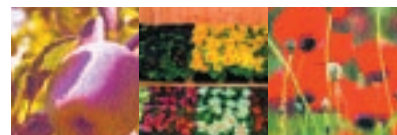


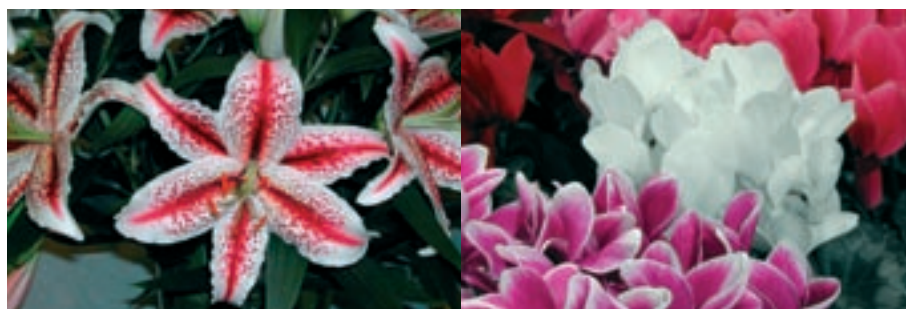
GRAPH 2: EVOLUTION OF APPLICATION NUMBERS PER CROP SECTOR (YEARS 1996–2005)

Graph 3 represents shares of the main crop sectors in the number of applications since the beginning of the activities of the Office.



GRAPH 3: SHARES IN APPLICATION NUMBERS PER CROP SECTOR





Lilies

Cyclamens

### 1.1. Ornamentals

With two thirds of the yearly number of applications, ornamentals represent the largest group of applications filed for Community plant variety rights. This yearly proportion was reached after a few years of activity of the Office and stabilised to this level.

The number of applications in the sector has always known a yearly growth, in comparison with the previous year, since the beginning of the Office. This growth reflects undoubtedly the development of the market. It can also be explained by the following facts.

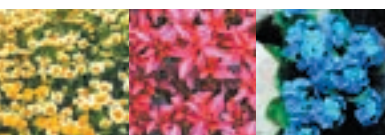
- Varieties subject to applications for Community plant variety rights are almost exclusively vegetatively propagated. Their easy reproducibility triggers the demand for protection against unauthorised propagation, depriving the original breeder from a reward for the work done when creating a new variety.
- The breeding of vegetatively propagated varieties is less time consuming than for seed-propagated varieties the characteristics of which need to be fixed through many propagating generations. This feature combined with a market depending on the quick evolution of tastes of consumers and cultivation techniques is certainly a major reason of the dynamism of breeding activities.

Two species are clearly the subject of more extensive breeding than others: roses and chrysanthemums have always dominated the sector in terms of number of applications.

The increase of the diversity of species subject to applications in the ornamental sector is noticeable: while roses and chrysanthemums represented nearly 30 % of the applications in the sector in 1996, their proportion was less than 20 % in 2005. Lily, gerbera, pelargonium, petunia or impatiens have always been important species in terms of numbers of applications, but the market is constantly looking for new products and clear trends could be observed in breeding activities at the level of species. Table 1 gives an overview of the number of applications for a few species over the past 10 years. The number of applications for *Saintpaulia* and *Ficus benjamina* show a phase of decrease, *Verbena* and *Calibrachoa* seem to have reached their peak whereas *Nemesia* and *Zantedeschia* still seem to increase. For example, in the last few years breeding of *Zantedeschia* has led to many new colours and new use of the variety (cut flower and pot plant) for the European market and, consequently, the number of applications has increased greatly.

An increase of interest was also recorded for the protection of different orchid species, woody ornamental shrubs and trees, and perennials and there were a few applications for varieties of species for biomass production (*Salix*, *Miscanthus*).

It can also be noticed that the number of applications for a given ornamental species is most of the time very irregular: a variation of 50 % in the number of applications from year one year to another is frequent.



**TABLE 1:** NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR SPECIES THAT SHOW TRENDS IN BREEDING ACTIVITIES

Species	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total
<i>Saintpaulia</i>	13	9	13	9	5	4	2	3	3	3	64
<i>F. benjamina</i>	17	9	6	1	2	5	2	5	2	0	49
<i>Verbena</i>	3	10	17	14	3	42	10	48	29	33	209
<i>Calibrachoa</i>	0	0	7	2	6	18	35	20	28	23	139
<i>Nemesia</i>	1	2	4	0	1	9	17	19	22	23	98
<i>Zantedeschia</i>	0	1	0	4	4	3	29	32	33	33	139

The decisive role the method of propagation plays in the need for an effective protection system becomes evident if one looks at the application numbers for varieties of species that are usually seed propagated. *Viola*, *Cyclamen*, *Primula*, *Calceolaria* and *Bellis* are of paramount importance in the industry; however, there are no, or hardly any, varieties for which Community plant breeders' rights have been applied for. However, the cost-efficient development of vegetatively propagation methods, in particular *in vitro* techniques, might lead to an increase of their number of applications. In recent years, the Office received first applications for varieties of species that are usually seed propagated, but due to the development in tissue culture, the Office received applications for vegetatively propagated *Primula* and *Cyclamen* varieties.

Finally, the rapid turnover of varieties in the ornamental sector also explains the high number of applications. After 10 years of existence of the Office, about 30 % of the ornamental varieties once granted Community plant variety rights are no longer active, a proportion significantly higher than in the other sectors.

## 1.2. Agricultural species

Table 2, which shows the number of applications of the most important agricultural species during the past 10 years, reveals that *Zea mays* was and remains the leading species. The large majority of these applications reflect parent lines.

The same counts for *Helianthus annuus*. Here, the lines for which the applicants seek protection are the result of the introduction of new disease-resistance genes.

In sugar beet, until today the Office received only parental components as subject of applications for a Community plant variety right.

A more or less constant number of applications were received during the last 10-year period for the most important cereals and for oilseed rape. For *Hordeum vulgare*,

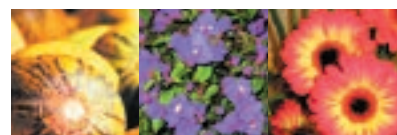




TABLE 2: NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR CPVR RECEIVED FROM 1995 TO 2005 FOR THE 20 MOST IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL SPECIES

Species name	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total
<i>Zea mays</i> L.	95	96	168	137	186	168	143	184	169	181	1 527
<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L.	53	50	44	56	51	44	44	66	50	34	492
<i>Triticum aestivum</i> L. emend. Fiori et Paol.	65	36	38	34	45	31	61	42	75	54	481
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> L. sensu lato	50	27	30	25	31	39	40	52	52	44	390
<i>Brassica napus</i> L. emend. Metzg.	24	33	17	27	16	36	29	40	41	29	292
<i>Helianthus annuus</i> L.	18	18	19	24	4	31	14	28	27	40	223
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> L. ssp. <i>vulgaris</i> var. <i>altissima</i> Döll	6	7	14	44	26	13	12	5	6	3	136
<i>Pisum sativum</i> L. sensu lato	8	18	13	10	6	13	12	9	11	21	121
<i>Triticum durum</i> Desf.	3	4	8	14	8	14	7	13	13	13	97
X <i>Triticosecale</i> W.	5	8	5	4	1	8	9	7	15	7	69
<i>Lolium perenne</i> L.	6	4	6	4	3	7	3	4	6	16	59
<i>Oryza sativa</i> L.	2	4	14	1	5	6	6	2	8	3	51
<i>Linum usitatissimum</i> L.	1	8	6	2	4	5	6	7	6	2	47
<i>Avena sativa</i> L.	5	2	1	5	2	1	2	6	6	6	36
<i>Glycine max</i> (L.) Merrill	2	6		2	2	2	3	1	10	6	34
<i>Gossypium hirsutum</i> L.					2	5	11	8	6	1	33
<i>Cannabis sativa</i> L.				1	1		1	4	12		19
<i>Secale cereale</i> L.	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	1	19
<i>Festuca rubra</i> L.		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	6	16
<i>Lolium multiflorum</i> Lam.	1		5	1	1		1	3		2	14



CPVO stand  
at the 'Salon du Végétal' in Angers

an application for a hybrid variety and its parent lines was received for the first time in 2005.

The trend of a low number of applications for grass varieties has continued during recent years. However, varieties of new species, e.g. cannabis varieties for medical purposes, has enlarged the spectrum of agricultural species.

### 1.3. Vegetables

Although the three main species in the vegetable sector over the past decade have been lettuce, French bean and pea, due to their self-pollinating nature which makes them easily reproducible and therefore in need of strong plant variety protection, the most interesting developments over this period have been in relation to parent lines and hybrids.

At the outset of the Office, a few applications were filed for parent lines of novel commercial hybrid varieties. When the Office decided at the beginning of 1998 to grant Community plant variety rights to an un-commercialised parent line of a commercial hybrid variety which itself did not fulfil the novelty criterion because it had been sold for more than one year inside the European Union, the Office made it clear that it did not consider that the prior commercialisation of a hybrid affected the novelty of its constituent parent lines. The result of this decision was that the Office received many applications for parent lines during the following three years (particularly of *Brassica oleracea*) as seed companies profited to protect varieties which up until then had remained stored as strict company secrets of strategic importance and value. Since then there has been a steady stream of parent-line vegetable applications, albeit for newly created varieties (see Table 3 below).

**TABLE 3: EVOLUTION OVER THE YEARS OF VEGETABLE PARENT-LINE VARIETIES APPLIED FOR CPVR**

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Parent lines	16	34	77	64	94	69	47	54	55	64
All vegetable applications	123	148	214	181	244	181	175	236	261	293
% of parent lines	13	23	36	35	39	38	27	23	21	22

In the initial years of the Office it was not considered worthwhile protecting vegetable hybrid varieties since they in themselves had biological protection through the segregation that occurred when one attempts to cross these — thus the need to protect the constituent lines which are mostly inbred in nature. Notwithstanding, for the past





three to four years there has been substantial increase in applications for Community plant variety rights for hybrid varieties of, in particular, tomato (see Table 4) and also some *Cucurbitaceae* crops. This has been due to technical advances, especially the ability to undertake *in vitro* propagation of the hybrid variety. In crops like tomato where a single plant can yield many fruit and the hybrid seed is considerably expensive, it became possible to produce a second generation of the crop this way, thereby circumnavigating the normal reproductive process of the variety through the parent lines which are held by the breeder. In order to cover this loophole, seed companies have been obliged to protect their hybrid variety and thereby cover themselves legally in case of any infringements.

**TABLE 4:** EVOLUTION OVER THE YEARS OF TYPES OF TOMATO VARIETIES APPLIED FOR CPVR

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Hybrids	4	7	4	3	1	1	7	10	22	19
Parent lines	0	1	2	1	3	10	4	6	11	9

#### 1.4. Fruit

By far and away the three main crops have remained apple, strawberry and peach/nectarine, with very similar figures for all these throughout the decade.

An interesting element to note over the past decade has been the evolution in the type of apples being applied for Community plant variety rights. At the outset of the Office these were mostly mutation varieties, but over the years their share has gradually decreased so that seedlings now form the majority of the annual apple candidate varieties (see Table 5). The reasons for this could be that certain groups of mutations like 'Gala', where the biggest market is to be found are becoming saturated with mutation varieties.

**TABLE 5:** EVOLUTION OVER THE YEARS OF TYPES OF APPLE VARIETIES APPLIED FOR CPVR

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Mutations	14	8	13	11	10	9	10	5	5	9
Seedlings	7	4	8	10	7	8	16	14	5	22

Another possible reason is that with the advent of the essentially derived variety concept, a dependency can be created between the new mutation variety and the originating variety, which may lead to conflicts in trying to commercialise the new varieties, thereby rendering mutation varieties less commercially attractive. With the development of more seedling varieties the EDV concept is avoided, as well as increasing the genetic base of the crop in question.

#### 1.5. Origin of the applications

Since the foundation of the Community Plant Variety Office, applications have been received from 50 countries. In all years, more than one third of all applications received originated from the Netherlands, underpinning the important role of that country. Following the Netherlands, with quite some distance, come Germany, France and the United States. As it can be seen from Table 6, the 10 most important countries count for 93.6 % of all applications filed at the CPVO. It can furthermore be seen from this table that there are only minor fluctuations in the origin of applications received.



TABLE 6: THE 10 MAIN COUNTRIES FROM WHICH CPVR APPLICATIONS WERE FILED (1995–2005)

Country of main applicant	Number of applications (absolute numbers; relative in parenthesis)											Total
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2005	
Netherlands	478 (34.5)	578 (37.8)	664 (36.2)	716 (38.1)	805 (40.0)	784 (36.3)	810 (36.5)	871 (34.6)	957 (36.0)	1 056 (38.6)	7 719 (36.9)	
Germany	223 (16.1)	241 (15.8)	299 (16.3)	311 (16.5)	289 (14.4)	311 (14.4)	385 (17.3)	320 (12.7)	381 (14.3)	411 (15.0)	3 171 (15.1)	
France	162 (11.7)	210 (13.7)	260 (14.2)	303 (16.1)	242 (12.0)	332 (15.4)	239 (10.8)	302 (12.0)	337 (12.7)	313 (11.5)	2 700 (12.9)	
USA	86 (6.2)	142 (9.3)	191 (10.4)	136 (7.2)	234 (11.6)	233 (10.8)	267 (12.0)	365 (14.5)	358 (13.5)	311 (11.4)	2 323 (11.1)	
Denmark	87 (6.3)	83 (5.4)	79 (4.3)	107 (5.7)	108 (5.4)	71 (3.3)	97 (4.4)	167 (6.6)	145 (5.5)	105 (3.8)	1 049 (5.0)	
UK	126 (9.1)	76 (5.0)	81 (4.4)	81 (4.3)	122 (6.1)	126 (5.8)	82 (3.7)	69 (2.7)	129 (4.9)	152 (5.6)	1 044 (5.0)	
Italy	34 (2.5)	28 (1.8)	67 (3.7)	37 (2.0)	52 (2.6)	73 (3.4)	65 (2.9)	67 (2.7)	60 (2.3)	61 (2.2)	544 (2.6)	
Belgium	61 (4.4)	20 (1.3)	43 (2.3)	36 (1.9)	41 (2.0)	46 (2.1)	46 (2.1)	63 (2.5)	56 (2.1)	44 (1.6)	456 (2.2)	
Spain	13 (0.9)	18 (1.2)	31 (1.7)	22 (1.2)	24 (1.2)	31 (1.4)	45 (2.0)	46 (1.8)	29 (1.1)	29 (1.1)	288 (1.4)	
Japan	9 (0.7)	35 (2.3)	22 (1.2)	16 (0.9)	13 (0.7)	31 (1.4)	28 (1.3)	51 (2.0)	27 (1.0)	55 (2.0)	287 (1.4)	



Fruit and vegetables

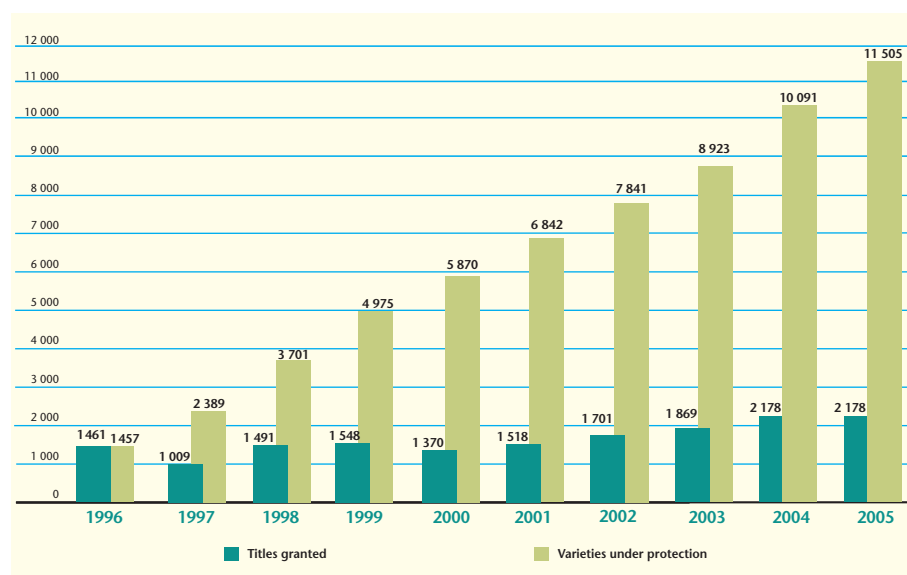




## 2. Grants of protection

In 2005, the Office granted more than 2 100 titles for Community protection. A detailed list of all protected varieties (status as of 31 December 2005) is published in the separate annex to this annual report.

By the end of 2005, there were more than 11 500 Community plant variety rights in force. Graph 4 shows the number of titles granted for each year from 1996 to 2005 and it illustrates the continuous increase of varieties under protection within the Community system.



**GRAPH 4: COMMUNITY PLANT VARIETY RIGHTS GRANTED AND RIGHTS IN FORCE (1996–2005)**

## 3. Technical examinations

In 2005, the CPVO initiated 2 129 technical examinations that were carried out by the different examination offices working on behalf of the Office. The chapter 'Examination offices' provides a detailed list of examination offices working on our behalf.

### B. RELATIONS WITH EXAMINATION OFFICES

#### (a) Ninth annual meeting with the examination offices

The 2005 meeting of the CPVO with its examination offices was attended by representatives of 21 EU Member States, Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania, Switzerland, the European Commission, the UPOV office, and the breeders' organisations ESA and CIOPORA.

The main subjects of discussion were:

- conditions for granting an application date: outcome of an inquiry made between 2002 and 2005,
- the conduct of DUS testing,
- questions related to test reports,

- exchange of information between the Office and the examination offices as well as the exchange of information and material among examination offices,
- technical verifications,
- the centralised database on variety denominations,
- the website for technical liaison officers,
- the objection procedure,
- conflict of interests at examination offices.

### **(b) Preparation of CPVO protocols**

In 2005, experts from the Member States' examination offices were invited to participate in elaborating technical protocols for DUS testing which were subsequently approved by the Administrative Council (see Chapter 4). The following meetings were held:

1. agricultural experts: draft protocol was discussed for potato
2. vegetable experts: draft protocols were discussed for eight species
3. ornamental experts: draft protocols were discussed for 14 species

### **(c) Integration of examination offices of the new EU Member States into the CPVO DUS-testing network**

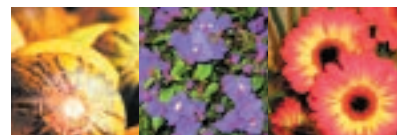
Following their accession to the European Union, the new Member States' competence in performing DUS tests in accordance with the CPVO standards was evaluated in 2004. Subsequent to the evaluation procedure, the examination offices of the new EU Member States received the status 'competent' for a number of species. Now, examination offices of the new Member States participate in each new species procedure as equal partners. Furthermore, crop experts from the new Member States are invited to all relevant expert meetings.

### **(d) New agreements for DUS testing between the CPVO and its examination offices entered into force**

Effective as from 1 January 2005, new contracts define the relationship between the CPVO and its examination offices. The new agreements do not only list the species of which candidate varieties will be examined but also set out rules on the conduct of the technical examination. This includes amongst others: the use of subcontractors, the 'walking reference collection', the application of test guidelines, sample requirements, confidentiality measures, payments, liabilities, and all reporting procedures, thus ensuring a quick processing of applications.

### **(e) The CPVO project of an EU centralised database on variety denominations**

In October 2002, the Administrative Council recommended that the Office develop a centralised database for variety denominations for the purpose of checking similarity in denomination proposals. The preparatory work was concluded in 2003. In 2004, the project was implemented, a cooperation agreement was signed with UPOV ensuring the widest possible data input, and a new agent was hired to manage the database. The project became operational in July 2005. The database is a compilation including data on plant variety rights and listing varieties of EU and UPOV countries. It is available, through a restricted access, to official authorities of EU Member States, Iceland, Norway and Switzerland on the Office website.





*'phalenopsis' orchid*

By the end of the year, nearly 400 000 denominations were entered into the database.

#### **(f) Cereal expert meeting**

A meeting of cereal experts from those examination offices who carry out the large majority of DUS testing of these species took place in Angers. It aimed to identify where the CPVO technical protocols for cereals might leave the possibility of different interpretations in the Member States with the goal to come to a harmonised approach in this respect. This discussion needs to be continued in the future.

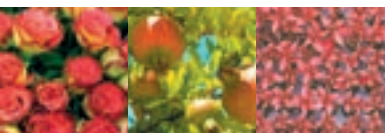
#### **(g) The new website for technical liaison officers**

In order to ensure an efficient collaboration with examination offices, the CPVO has created a network of technical liaison officers (TLO). TLOs are supposed to assure contacts on a technical level with the CPVO. In order to further improve such collaboration, the CPVO has established a website for TLOs. This website has been available since July 2005. It provides TLOs amongst other things with documents facilitating an efficient meeting preparation. The 'Vademecum for the examination offices', a collection of CPVO documents specifying agreed procedures and the minutes of the Administrative Council and technical expert meetings can also be found there.

#### **(h) Research and development projects and maintenance of reference collections co-financed by the CPVO**

Following the rules established by the Administrative Council in 2002 for financially supporting projects of interest for the Community plant variety rights system, the Office received several applications for co-financing R & D projects. The following projects received financial support from the CPVO in 2005.

- **Harmonisation of resistance tests for diseases of vegetable crops in the European Union:** A three-year collaboration project which commenced in 2004 between GEVES, in France (coordinator), the Oficina Española de Variedades, in Spain, and Naktuinbouw, in the Netherlands, seeking to evaluate and to harmonise disease-resistance tests for two model species — tomato and French bean — using a set of nine prescribed host/pathogen pairings. The year 2005 saw ring tests carried out by each partner in order to characterise and compare the aggressiveness and the virulence of each strain versus standard varieties of each country. A meeting between all the parties followed in September, to analyse and compare the initial results in relation to the CPVO protocol, in order to define reliable standardised procedures.
- **The use of isoenzyme markers for the assessment of distinctness, uniformity and stability in *Calluna vulgaris* L.:** A two-year investigation carried out by the

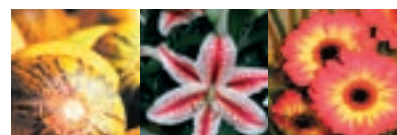


German Bundessortenamt on the possibility of shortening the testing period for *Calluna* varieties to one year using isoenzyme markers in addition to the traditional characteristics. The project was finalised in 2005. Four isoenzymes revealing a good polymorphism between varieties were identified. The isoenzyme pattern is suitable for variety identification, but independent from phenotypic characteristics. It is also possible to use isoenzymes as additional characteristics in order to confirm elements of distinctness observed in the field, avoiding in this respect an additional year of technical examination.

- **Creation of a common maize database for DUS studies, through a partnership between Spain, Germany, France and the CPVO:** A database, collectively set up during a two-year period, containing administrative as well as morphological and biometrical data from the reference collections of the participating institutions with the purpose of efficiently selecting reference varieties for the DUS test of new maize varieties.
- **European variety collection of rose varieties:** A project coordinated by Plant Research International (PRI) and carried out by the Bundessortenamt, NIAB and PRI/CGN aiming at the compilation of key morphological characteristics, pictures and DNA fingerprints and eventually facilitating a (cost-)efficient management of reference collections. The work has started in 2005; the presentation of the final report is scheduled for 2007.
- **Management of winter oilseed rape reference collections:** The NIAB project in cooperation with GEVES, DIAS and the Bundessortenamt tries to establish the use of DNA markers as a tool for an efficient selection of suitable reference varieties. The project started in 2005; the final results may be expected in 2007.
- **Development and evaluation of molecular markers linked to disease-resistance genes for tomato DUS testing (option 1(a)):** The CPVO approved the funding at the end of 2005 on a two-year project between Plant Research International (coordinator), in the Netherlands, GEVES and INRA Avignon, in France, and OEVV and Instituto Nacional de Investigación y Tecnología Agraria y Alimentaria, in Spain, to develop and evaluate a UPOV option 1(a) for disease resistance in tomato. Current mapping and sequence information will be used, and marker assays will be evaluated for robustness and reproducibility. Results from marker analysis will be compared with phenotypic characterisations using tomato varieties that are in ongoing DUS trials.

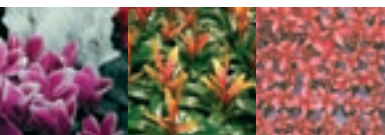
#### (i) New species procedure

In the course of the year 2005, the CPVO received applications for varieties of 93 botanical taxa not being subject to Community plant variety rights applications before. In

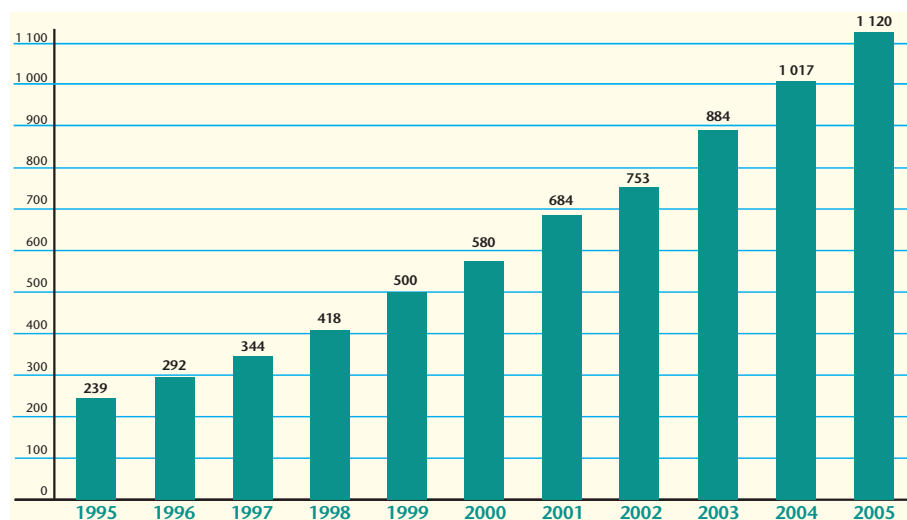


order to conduct their technical examination at the most competent examination office, two inquiries ('new species procedures') were launched by the CPVO. As a result of the two inquiries and the inquiry launched in November 2004, the following 65 new taxa could be attributed to examination offices by the Administrative Council in 2005.

<i>Abelia</i> R. Br.	<i>Eremurus</i> M. Bieb.
<i>Abutilon</i> Mill.	<i>Eucomis</i> L'Hér.
<i>Acacia baileyana</i> F. Muell.	<i>Euphorbia hypericifolia</i> L.
<i>Acacia floribunda</i> (Vent.) Willd.	<i>Gossypium hirsutum</i> L.
<i>Acacia leprosa</i> Sieber ex DC.	<i>Indigofera himalayensis</i> Ali
<i>Ageratina altissima</i> (L.) R. M. King et H. Rob.	Ionopsis x <i>Oncidium</i>
<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i> L.	<i>Justicia pictifolia</i> Standl.
<i>Alocasia wentii</i> Engl. et K. Krause	<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i> Laxm.
<i>Anidosantea elegans</i> (Cav.) D. M. Bates	<i>Leucospermum</i> R. Br.
<i>Anisodonteia scabrosa</i> (L.) Bates	<i>Lomandra</i> Labill.
<i>Asarina</i> Mill.	<i>Ludisia discolor</i> (Ker Gawl.) A. Rich.
<i>Asplenium nidus</i> L.	<i>Lupinus</i> hybrid
<i>Allium</i> L.	<i>Magnolia x soulangiana</i> Soul.-Bod.
<i>Baleria obtusa</i> Nees	<i>Malva sylvestris</i> L.
<i>Boronia heterophylla</i> F. Muell.	<i>Medinilla magnifica</i> Lindl.
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i> (L.) Medik.	<i>Morbus alba</i> L.
<i>Carpinus betulus</i> L.	<i>Nepeta subsessilis</i> Maxim.
<i>Chamaecyparis lawsoniana</i> (A. Murr.) Parl.	<i>Nymphaea capensis</i> Thunb.
<i>Chasmanthe floribunda</i> var. <i>duckittii</i> G. Lewis ex L. Bol.	<i>Papaver somniferum</i> L.
<i>Coriandrum sativum</i> L.	<i>Pitcairnia hitchcockiana</i> L. B. Sm.
<i>Cornus</i> L.	<i>Polygala</i> L.
<i>Cornus alternifolia</i> L.	<i>Prunus padus</i> L.
<i>Cornus kousa</i> Hance	<i>Symphytum x uplandicum</i> Nyman
<i>Cotoneaster dammeri</i> D.K. Schneid.	<i>Telopia</i> R. Br.
<i>Dianella caerulea</i> Sims	<i>Thalictrum</i> L.
<i>Dianella ensifolia</i> (L.) DC.	<i>Tillandsia</i> L.
<i>Dianella tasmanica</i> Hook.	<i>Turnera diffusa</i> Willd. Ex Schult.
<i>Digitalis</i> L.	<i>Vaccinium simultatum</i> Small
<i>Dischidia ruscifolia</i> Warb ex K. Schum. et Lauterb.	<i>Vicia ervilia</i> (L.) Willd.
<i>Echinops ruthenicus</i> M. Bieb.	<i>Zygopetalum</i> Hook.
<i>Elytrigia elongata</i> (Host) Nevski	X <i>Colmanara hort.</i>
<i>Epimedium</i> L.	X <i>Odontonia hort.</i>
<i>Eragrostis tef</i>	



Graph 5 illustrates the evolution of the number of botanical taxa for which the CPVO received applications. At the end of 2005, applications for varieties belonging to 1 120 botanical taxa were filed with the Office.

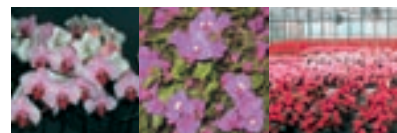


**GRAPH 5:** EVOLUTION OF THE NUMBER OF BOTANICAL TAXA FOR WHICH THE CPVO RECEIVED APPLICATIONS

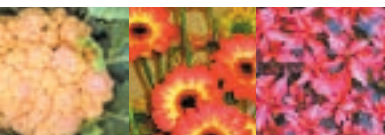
#### **(j) The impact of phytoplasma strains on the phenotypical expression of poinsettia varieties**

It has been proved that the attractive branching of poinsettia varieties is caused by the presence of phytoplasma, i.e. small prokaryotes related to bacteria but, in contrast to bacteria, devoid of a cell wall. This specific 'branching factor' can only be maintained in host plants, which means that there are limited possibilities of its transmission like grafting or the use of parasitic plant *Cuscuta*. Furthermore, based on the genetic structure, it has been reported in the literature study, performed by the Danish Institute of Agricultural Sciences in 2001 on behalf of the CPVO, that there are different strains of phytoplasma. A question has arisen: 'Can the different phytoplasma strains cause different phenotype of poinsettia varieties used for the purpose of assessment of distinctness, uniformity and stability (DUS), or can different phytoplasma strains be used to obtain different "cultivars"?'

To answer this question a research project co-financed by Research Centre Aarslev, in Denmark, the poinsettia breeders and the CPVO started in 2003 at the Danish Institute of Agricultural Sciences and the Research Centre in Aarslev. In the first stage, 25 varieties were selected for a pre-screening for presence and variation of phytoplasma populations. The varieties were selected in a way ensuring the highest level of phytoplasma variation and to cover as many breeders as possible. Out of the 25 varieties, eight rootstocks were selected for the final trial. Further, three phytoplasma free varieties were selected out of eight varieties submitted. To transmit the 'branching factor', the phytoplasma-free varieties were grafted on the eight rootstocks, containing different populations of phytoplasma. Laboratory analyses showed that for 21 combinations the transmission was successful and these combinations were further grown in the trial. To assess the impact of phytoplasma on the phenotype of poinsettia varieties 13 characteristics known to be affected by phytoplasma were observed and described. The experts from different examination offices and the CPVO that visited the trial in April 2005 were amazed at the uniformity of phytoplasma infected plants within each of the







three varieties, and at the same time could see clear differences between phytoplasma-infected and phytoplasma-free plants.

The final report of the project as presented on 1 July 2005 with a detailed description of the 13 characteristics confirmed the observation made by the experts. The experiment showed that no significant differences were noted when different phytoplasma strains were present in poinsettia varieties. Qualitative characteristics described in the experiment, i.e. bract colour of upper and lower side, leaf colour of upper and lower side and development of lobes on leaves were not significantly affected by the rootstock. As regards the quantitative characteristics, some small statistically significant differences were observed for some of them. However, the differences calculated in notes used in DUS testing did not exceed one note, which means that, in practice, the differences would not affect the results of DUS testing. Consequently, the CPVO decided to maintain the present system of testing for poinsettia. This opinion might need reconsideration when an application for a non-infected variety is received.

## 9. CONTACTS WITH **EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS**

### Contacts with **ESA and Ciopora**

#### (a) **Pre-meetings**

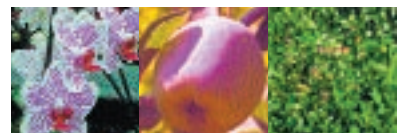
Breeders' representatives have an opportunity to comment on the various items included on the agenda of the Administrative Council in regular meetings with the Office. The Office always subsequently keeps the Administrative Council informed about the content of these meetings.

#### (b) **ESA annual meeting**

Representatives of the management of the Office attended the ESA General Assembly held in Brussels (10 and 11 October 2005) and several specialised section meetings.

#### (c) **Ciopora annual meeting**

The President of the Office attended the annual meeting of Ciopora, held on 28 and 29 April in Nice, France. At the occasion of the farewell of René Royon, co-founder and long-time Secretary-General of this organisation, the President memorialised his important contribution to the development of an effective protection system for plant varieties.



### Contacts with **UPOV**

The CPVO has participated in UPOV activities since 1996. Until July 2005, the European Community had an observer status in this organisation. Since July 2005, the European Community has been a member of UPOV.

As member of the EC delegation, CPVO officials actively participate in the works of UPOV and regularly attend the meetings of the following bodies and committees of the international Union:

- UPOV council,
- Legal and Administrative Committee,
- Technical Committee,
- technical working parties (agricultural crops, vegetables, fruit crops, ornamental plants and forest trees),
- Working Group on Biochemical and Molecular Techniques (BMT) and its specialised subgroups,
- Enlarged Editorial Committee,
- working groups on variety denominations and publication of variety descriptions.



*CPVO stand at IPM fair in the Netherlands*

The Vice-Secretary-General of UPOV participates in most of the meetings of the CPVO Administrative Council. Senior officials of the UPOV office also regularly attend experts' meetings or working groups organised by the CPVO dealing with technical and legal aspects of common interest.

The CPVO signed a memorandum of understanding with UPOV in October 2004 for a programme of cooperation in the development and maintenance of their web-based databases providing information on plant varieties. The CPVO regularly exchanged information with UPOV during the development of its centralised database on variety denominations in order to ensure compatibility with the existing UPOV plant variety database (UPOV-ROM). Both databases contain data on plant varieties for which protection has been granted or which are the subject of an application for protection, and also those which are included in national lists of varieties for marketing purposes.

The CPVO centralised database operates on the basis of a system of codes attributed to botanical names, developed by UPOV. Since its release in July 2005, the Office and UPOV started to exchange data extensively, UPOV collecting data from non-EU UPOV countries and the Office bringing together data from the EU. The CPVO assisted UPOV in the attribution of codes to the species name of varieties of the UPOV-ROM.

In several regions of the world where countries are members of UPOV, like Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, there is an emergent interest to know the details, cumulated experience and results relating to plant variety rights systems with a regional scope. The CPVO frequently provides speakers for seminars and technical workshops organised by UPOV.

## **Contacts with the African Intellectual Property Organisation (OAPI)**

OAPI, an intergovernmental organisation based in Yaoundé (Cameroon), works on the implementation of the Bangui Agreement that has established a regional system of intellectual property rights, of which plant breeders' rights form a part. Consequently, it is particularly interested in the experience gained by the CPVO in running the Community system.

The President of the Office has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Director-General of OAPI, setting up the framework for future cooperation. The decision of the Administrative Council of OAPI for the entry into force of the PBR system in 2006 and its implementation will provide multiple opportunities for cooperation in several fields of activity.

OAPI invited the CPVO to a workshop held in Limbé in March 2005 in order to receive advice on setting up internal procedures that could be adopted before the entry into force of the system. The group identified a list of the 19 main species for which protection should be offered in the beginning of the OAPI system. For these species, possible



testing stations have been identified in Cameroon and Senegal. The system will be based on centralised testing, considering climatic adaptations of varieties.

A regular exchange of publications is maintained.

### Participation in international fairs

The CPVO considers its participation in international fairs to be a useful tool in promoting the Community system and also for making direct contact with applicants. Participations in three such fairs have confirmed that belief.

Early in 2005, the CPVO attended IPM in Essen at a joint stand with Bundessortenamt, the German examination office, and the Salon du Végétal in Angers at a joint stand with GEVES, the French examination office.

Furthermore, in collaboration with the Dutch Raad voor het Kweekersrecht, CGN and NIAB, a joint stand of these four institutions was organised at the Hortifair in Amsterdam.

### Contacts with OECD

The CPVO follows closely the activities of OECD in the seed and variety sector. A representative of the CPVO attended the annual OECD meeting in Paris, and the CPVO attended an OECD workshop on seed certification and modern biotechnology, also in Paris.

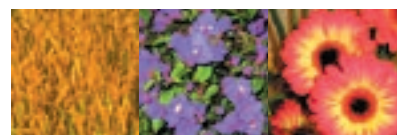
### Other contacts

The CPVO maintains regular external contacts by participating in meetings organised by:

- the Secretariat-General of the European Commission: EU agencies coordination,
- the Personnel and Administration DG: Staff Regulation implementation matters,
- the Budget DG: implementation of the new financial regulation and the internal audit function,
- heads of the European seed certification agencies.

In addition, other fields of external activity can be mentioned, such as:

- the Translation Centre Administrative Council,
- the Steering Group of the SI2 Common Support Service,
- coordination of the EU agencies at management level,
- the annual coordination meeting of the Publications Office with the EU agencies,
- OECD international seed certification schemes.



## 10. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HEALTH AND CONSUMER PROTECTION DG

As reported earlier in this report, Commissioner Kyprianou visited the CPVO on 6 December 2005.

Throughout 2005, several high-level officials from the Health and Consumer Protection DG visited the CPVO in Angers.

Mr Madelin, Director-General of the Health and Consumer Protection DG, came to Angers on 13 June 2005 for the celebration of the CPVO's 10th anniversary.

Mrs Husu-Kallio, Deputy Director-General of the Health and Consumer Protection DG, visited the Office on 29 November 2005.

### Standing Committee on Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry

The abovementioned standing committee meets regularly in Brussels, and the Office attended these meetings when the subject was of relevance for the Community plant variety rights system.

Of particular interest for the CPVO throughout the year 2005 were the following items:

- Commission activities as regards the cross-references to the CPVO technical protocols for DUS testing,
- the Commission regulation on implementing rules for the suitability of variety denominations,
- Commission activities in respect of the common catalogues for agricultural and vegetable species and in particular the integration of the catalogues from the new Member States,
- programme and technical protocols for the Community comparative trials,
- implementing measures in respect of conservation varieties and plant genetic resources,
- equivalence for DUS examination carried out in Croatia,
- revision of scientific plant names,
- reflections of the Commission as regards a possible transfer of tasks to the CPVO.

### Community comparative trials

In 2005, the CPVO attended the comparative trials in the area of propagating material of ornamental plants carried out at the Bundessortenamt in Germany. The trials encompassed 114 samples of a wide range of *Argyranthemum* and *Calibrachoa* varieties





*10th anniversary of the CPVO in Angers*

supplied by 12 EU Member States, of which more than 50 % were legally protected through Community plant variety rights. The comparative trials provide valuable information on the continued unaltered existence of protected varieties.

## Enlargement

The Office kept contact with the relevant services within the Health and Consumer Protection DG in order to prepare the accession of Romania and Bulgaria to the EU.

The intention of the Office was to continue to collect information and to evaluate the national DUS-testing systems in order to consider possible future cooperation of the national organisations of the candidate countries in the Community DUS network, as CPVO examination offices.

In addition, technical experts from Bulgaria, Croatia, Turkey and Romania attended the 2005 annual meeting with the examination offices, organised by the CPVO in Angers.

The CPVO furthermore envisages to participate in a Community programme in order to involve Turkey and Croatia in the work of Community agencies. First steps in view of such activities have been undertaken in 2005. The programme is envisaged to start in the second half of 2006.

## Variety denominations

In addition to the coordinated revision of the rules applicable for the variety denominations for the Community PBR system and the national listing schemes, the Health and Consumer Protection DG's competent services have been regularly informed about the development of the centralised database for variety denominations. Commission services undertook the necessary steps to make published updates of the common catalogue, in an electronic format acceptable to the Office. Since its start, the database has also been available to the Commission and the national authorities responsible for the

national listing in the 25 Member States. This tool contributes, without any doubt, to the improvement of the checks of variety denomination proposals at the whole EU level.



*Mr Kyprianou's visit in Angers*



## 11. DECISIONS OF THE BOARD OF APPEAL IN 2005

In 2005, the Board of Appeal of the CPVO met for three sessions in June, September and November, in Angers, during which four cases were decided. A further decision was issued following a written procedure.

### June session

#### (a) Appeal case 005/2004

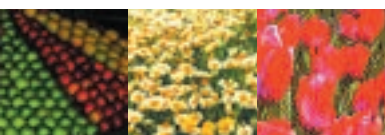
By Decision R440 of 23 February 2004, the Office rejected an application for a variety of the species *Erysimum* with the denomination 'Walfrasun' on the basis that it was not uniform according to Article 8 of the basic regulation. The applicant, David R. Tristram, appealed the decision on 12 May 2004.

In its decision on 16 June 2005 the Board of Appeal found the appeal well founded because the results of the trial by the Bundessortenamt did not justify a finding of lack of uniformity of the candidate variety. The Board of Appeal was not persuaded that the trial had been carried out *lege artis*, and was of the opinion that it could not be used as a basis for the rejection of the application on grounds of lack of uniformity. The Board of Appeal concluded that the Office had to arrange for the variety to be retested, at a testing location other than Marquardt.

#### (b) Appeal case 006/2004

On 21 June 2004 a Community plant variety right for the variety 'Natasja king' of the *Ficus benjamina* L. species was granted by the CPVO by decision EU 13561 to Kwekerij J. de Groot B.V. An appeal was lodged by a third party, Gebrs. van der Knaap B.V. pursuant to Article 67 of the basic regulation seeking the annulment of this decision. Gebrs. van der Knaap B.V. argued that the plants of 'Natasja king' were not clearly distinguishable from those of 'Marole', another *Ficus benjamina* variety which has been protected in the Netherlands since July 1993.

In its decision on 15 June 2005 the Board of Appeal rejected the appeal. The Board stated that it was not given sufficient evidence that the material used by CGN was no longer representative of the variety 'Marole'. Since repeated propagation by cuttings removes the influence of tissue culture, the successive cycles of propagation by cuttings performed in this case did eliminate any potential external influence. The Office also had good grounds not to take into account an examination performed by an interested party and to decide that it could rely solely upon the examination performed by an entrusted examination office.





CPVO Board of appeal

DUS testing of *Vriesea*

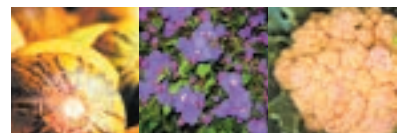
## September session

### (a) Appeal case 003/2004

By Decision R446 of 19 April 2004, the Office rejected an application for a variety of the species *Plectranthus ornatus* Codd. with the denomination 'Sumcol 01' on the basis that it was not distinct from the reference variety. The applicant appealed this decision on 11 June 2004.

The reference variety had been sent by Mr van Jaarsveld from the Botanical Garden Kirstenbosh in South Africa to the examination office (Bundessortenamt). The appellant claimed, in essence, that the reference variety sent by Mr van Jaarsveld was not of common knowledge since it came from Mr van Jaarsveld's private garden.

In its interim decision on 30 September 2005, the Board of Appeal expressed its intention to deal with the question of whether the reference variety was a matter of common knowledge by carrying out an inspection in South Africa and by gathering relevant information. Pending this inspection, no final decision has been taken.



## November session

### (a) Appeal case 001/2005

On 4 October 2004 Community plant variety rights for the variety 'Nadorcott' of the *citrus* L. species were granted to SARL Nador Cott Protection by decision EU 14111. On 11 February 2005, an appeal was lodged by a third party, the Federación de Cooperativas Agrarias de la Comunidad Valenciana (Fecoav), a federation of unions of cooperatives in the Spanish provinces of Alicante, Castellón and Valencia, seeking the annulment of this decision.

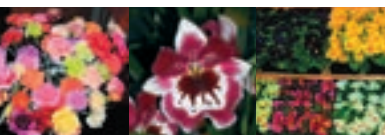
In its decision on 8 November 2005, the Board of Appeal rejected the appeal. The Board held that it was not established that Fecoav was directly and individually concerned by the decision and declared the appeal inadmissible.

## Written procedure

### (a) Appeal case 004/2004

Community plant variety right for the *Gynostemma pentaphyllum* (Thunb. ex Murray) Makino variety 'Ginpent' was granted to Ambroggio Giovanni by a decision from the





Office on 3 December 2001. On 23 October 2003, Vegetal Progress s.r.l requested that the Office, pursuant to Article 66 of the basic regulation, amend the variety denomination 'Ginpent'. The Office upheld the decision to allow the denomination 'Ginpent' in its Decision No VD 00176 of 23 February 2004.

Vegetal Progress s.r.l lodged an appeal against this decision on 18 June 2004 on four points; firstly, that it had marketed another variety of the species since 1995; secondly, that 'Ginpent' merely constitutes an abbreviation of the species *Gynostemma pentaphyllum*; thirdly, that 'Ginpent' is indistinguishable from *Gynostemma pentaphyllum*; and, finally, that there could be confusion between the name 'Ginpent' as a denomination of a variety and the species as well as other varieties of the species. The variety should therefore be given another denomination (Article 63(3)(c), (d) and (f)).

In its decision of 18 July 2005, the Board of Appeal declared the appeal unfounded. The Board concluded that Article 63(3)(c) aims at avoiding confusion between one variety denomination and another, and not between a variety denomination and a species. The grounds that a variety denomination cannot be granted if it is liable to mislead or to cause confusion concerning the characteristics of the variety is not well founded, since Ginpent and *Gynostemma pentaphyllum* cannot be confused with one another (Article 63(3)(f) of the basic regulation).

The complete decisions are available in English on the CPVO website or upon request in writing to the CPVO.

## 12. PUBLIC ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS HELD BY THE CPVO

In 1999, the Administrative Council of the CPVO adopted rules on working methods in relation to public access to documents of the Office. This policy was in line with the policy within the institutions of the EU. However, in 2001, specific rules on public access to documents held by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission were introduced by the adoption of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 <sup>(15)</sup>. In order for these rules to apply also to documents held by the Office, a new article, Article 33a, was introduced to the basic regulation, in 2003, by the adoption of Council Regulation (EC) No 1650/2003 <sup>(16)</sup>.

Article 33a contains the following elements:

- Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents shall also apply to documents held by the Office. This provision entered into force on 1 October 2003.
- The Administrative Council shall adopt practical arrangements for implementing Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. The Administrative Council adopted such practical arrangements on 25 March 2004. Those rules entered into force on 1 April 2004.
- Decisions taken by the Office on public access to documents may form the subject of a complaint to the Ombudsman or of an action before the Court of Justice.

Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 and the rules adopted by the Administrative Council are available on the Office website. Information on these rules has also been published on the Office website as have the forms to use when requesting access to a document.

The Office follows up the implementation and application of the rules on public access to documents by reporting annually. The Office is obliged to report on information such as the number of cases in which the Office refused to grant access to documents, the reasons for such refusals and the number of sensitive documents not recorded in any register kept by the Office <sup>(17)</sup> (see overleaf). There are no sensitive documents kept by the Office.



<sup>(15)</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L145, 31.5.2001, p. 43).

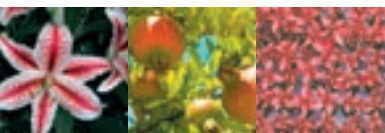
<sup>(16)</sup> Council Regulation (EC) No 1650/2003 of 18 June 2003 amending Regulation (EC) No 2100/94 on Community plant variety rights (OJ L 245, 29.9.2003, p. 28).

<sup>(17)</sup> Article 17 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.



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<b>Year of receipt</b>	<b>Number of requests for access received</b>	<b>Number of refusals</b>	<b>Reasons for such refusals</b>
<b>2004</b>	30	6 (partial)	Technical questionnaires are withheld from public inspection (Article 88(3) of the basic regulation)
<b>2005</b>	55	2 (partial)	Technical questionnaires are withheld from public inspection (Article 88(3) of the basic regulation)



## 13. REPORT OF THE CPVO DATA PROTECTION OFFICER (DPO)

### • Legal background

Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the EU Parliament and the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individual rights with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data was adopted for the purpose of complying with Article 286 of the Treaty. Article 286 requires the application to the Community institutions and bodies of the Community acts on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and the free movement of such data.

Processing of data has a quite broad meaning and does not only mean transferring data to third parties, but also collecting, recording and storing data, whether or not by electronic means.

### • Role and tasks of the Data Protection Officer

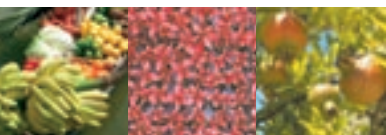
Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 requires the nomination of at least one Data Protection Officer in the institutions and bodies, who should ensure in an independent manner the internal application of the provisions in the regulation.

The DPO keeps a register of all personal data processing operations in the institution/body and informs on rights and obligations, provides services and makes recommendations. The DPO notifies risky processing of personal data to the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) and responds to requests from the EDPS.

By Decision of the President, a DPO was appointed at the CPVO for a term of two years. He shall be eligible for reappointment up to a maximum of 10 years.



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- **Report of the CPVO Data Protection Officer for 2005**

In 2005, the DPO of the Community Plant Variety Office undertook the following actions.

- He drafted his job description.
- He informed the management about the regulation and the action plan.
- He informed the staff at a General Assembly.
- He made an inventory of data processing activities with, as priority 1, the processing subject to prior checking and likely to involve the EDPS.
- He started drafting notifications to the EDPS concerning processing operations likely to present specific risks.

The Administrative Council of the CPVO was informed of the regulation and the appointment of a DPO.

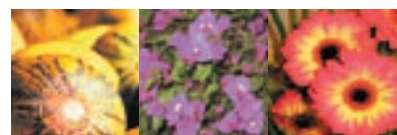
Moreover, the DPO participated in meetings in Luxembourg and Strasbourg held by the EDPS and the DPOs from the other EU institutions and agencies.

## 14. CPVO CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY

With the focus on continuous improvement in service quality, the CPVO commissioned a customer satisfaction survey, in September 2004, from the Institut français d'opinion publique (IFOP), an independent French institute specialising in opinion polling and customer satisfaction surveys. The aim of the survey was to test the level of customers' satisfaction with the quality of the Office's services and methods of communication and with the effectiveness of the Community protection system. The findings of the survey, presented in January 2005, were extremely positive on the whole, though there was room for improvement in some areas.

The survey revealed an **overall satisfaction rate of 90 %**. The main sources of overall satisfaction were, in descending order of importance: effectiveness of Community protection, technical procedures, the range of languages used by the Office, financial procedures, and fees.

There was an overall rate of satisfaction of 94 % with the **quality of the CPVO's services**. Among the various types of service (technical procedures, financial procedures, languages used, methods of communication), the main areas of satisfaction were the following: ease of access to information, a first-class choice of languages, adequacy of information and clarity of procedures. The Office's proposed improvements to online services had been particularly well received.

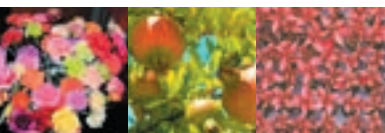


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In terms of the **effectiveness of the protection system**, the overall rate of satisfaction was 92 % in the agricultural sector and 76 % in other areas. The two main causes of dissatisfaction were the geographical scope of protection (although any extension of geographical coverage falls outside the CPVO's remit) and the exclusive nature of the rights granted to the holder. Several respondents noted that breeders would welcome the support of the CPVO in proceedings before national courts. The enforcement of protection rights was vital and was one of the factors that had prompted the CPVO to organise a seminar on this topic in Brussels in October 2005, to be followed by a further two similar events in 2006.

**All results** were in the upper range of positive. This survey constitutes a useful tool for the CPVO's future. It has shown that clients are satisfied with the Office's services and view it extremely favourably. The resulting recommendations concerned simplifying the work of customers, who were trying to simplify things for themselves, extending if possible the geographic field of protection and making available a wider range of online services. IFOP had recommended the CPVO to communicate with and educate its customers better and to supply more information. Lastly, the CPVO should pay special attention to ornamental plants, as customers were less satisfied here than in other areas.



## 15. EXAMINATION OFFICES ENTRUSTED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL TO UNDERTAKE TECHNICAL EXAMINATION ON BEHALF OF THE CPVO

Species name	Country	Examination office
<i>Abelia</i> R. Br.	FR	GEVES
<i>Abelia x grandiflora</i> (Rovelli ex André) Rehd.	UK	NIAB
<i>Abies</i> Mill.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Abutilon</i> Mill.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Acacia baileyana</i> F.Muell.	FR	GEVES
<i>Acacia cognata</i> Domin.	AU	Australian Plant Breeders' Rights Office
<i>Acacia floribunda</i> (Vent.) Willd.	FR	GEVES
<i>Acacia leprosa</i> Sieber ex DC.	FR	GEVES
<i>Acer campestre</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Acer campestre</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<b>A</b> <i>Acer</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Acer palmatum</i>	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Acer shirasawanum</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Aconitum carmichaelii</i> Debeaux	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Aconitum carmichaelii</i> Debeaux - <i>Arendsii</i> Grp.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Aconitum</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Actinidia</i> Lindl.	IT	Istituto sperimentale per la frutticoltura
<i>Adenanthos</i>	IL	Israel Plant Breeders' Rights Testing Unit
<i>Adenium obesum</i> (Forssk.) Roem. et Schult.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Adenium</i> Roem. et Schult	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Adonis aestivalis</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Aechmea</i> Ruiz et Pav.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Aeschynanthus</i> Jack	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Aeschynanthus evrardii</i> Pellegr.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Aeschynanthus speciosus</i> Hook.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Agapanthus</i> L'Herit	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Agaricus bisporus</i> (Lange) Imbach	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Agastache foeniculum</i> (Pursh) Kuntze	UK	NIAB
<i>Agastache mexicana</i> (H.B.K.) Lint. et Epling	UK	NIAB
<i>Agastache rugosa</i> (Fisch. & C.A. Mey) Kuntze	UK	NIAB





Species name	Country	Examination office
<i>Ageratina altissima</i> (L.) R. M. King et H. Rob.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Ageratum</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Ageratum</i> L. <i>houstonianum</i>	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Aglaonema</i> Schott.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Aglaonema costatum</i> N.E.Br.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Agonis flexuosa</i> (Willd.)	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Agrostis capillaris</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Agrostis tenuis</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Ajania pacifica</i> Bremer et Humphries	UK	NIAB
<i>Ajuga reptans</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Albizzia julibrissin</i> Durazz.	FR	GEVES
<i>Allamanda cathartica</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Allamanda</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Allium cepa</i> (Aggregatum Group)	FR	GEVES
<i>Allium cepa</i> (Aggregatum Group)	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Allium cepa</i> (Cepa group)	PL	COBORU
<i>Allium cepa</i> (Cepa group)	FR	GEVES
<i>Allium cepa</i> (Cepa group)	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Allium cepa</i> (Cepa group)	HU	OMMI
<i>Allium cepa</i> (Cepa group)	UK	Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Allium cepa</i> (Cepa group)	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Allium cepa</i> (Cepa group)	CZ	UKZUZ
<i>Allium fistulosum</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Allium fistulosum</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Allium</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Allium porrum</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Allium porrum</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Allium porrum</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Allium porrum</i> L.	UK	Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Allium porrum</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Allium porrum</i> L.	SK	UKSUP
<i>Allium sativum</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Allium sativum</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i> L.	CZ	UKZUZ
<i>Alloplectus capitatus</i> Hook.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Alocasia wentii</i> Engl. et K. Krause	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Aloe aristata</i> Haw.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Aloe aristata</i> Haw.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht



Species name	Country	Examination office
<i>Aloe vera</i> (L.) Burm. f.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Aloe vera</i> (L.) Burm. f.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Alstroemeria</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Amaranthus</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Amaryllis</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Amelanchier</i> Medik.	UK	NIAB
<i>Ananas comosus</i> (L.) Merr.	FR	GEVES
<i>Ananas</i> Mill.	FR	GEVES
<i>Ananas</i> Mill.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Anethum graveolens</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Angelica keiskei</i> koidzumi	FR	GEVES
<i>Angelonia angustifolia</i> Benth.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Angelonia</i> Humb. et Bonpl.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Anigozanthos</i> Labill.	UK	NIAB
<i>Anisodonteia elegans</i> (Cav.) D. M. Bates	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Anisodonteia scabra</i> (L.) Bates	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Anisodonthea capensis</i> (L.) D. M. Bates	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Anthemis</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Anthemis tinctoria</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Anthurium scherzerianum</i> Schott.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Anthurium</i> Schott.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Anthurium-Andreanum-Hybrids</i>	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Antirrhinum</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Antirrhinum majus</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Apium graveolens</i> L. var. dulce (Mill.) Pers	FR	GEVES
<i>Apium graveolens</i> L. var. dulce (Mill.) Pers	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Apium graveolens</i> L. var. rapaceum (Mill.) Gaud	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Arctium lappa</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Arctotis breviscapa</i> Thunb.	UK	NIAB
<i>Arctotis</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Ardisia crenata</i> Sims	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Ardisia pusilla</i> A. DC.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Argyranthemum frutescens</i> (L.) Schultz Bip.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Artemisia vulgaris</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Asarina</i> Mill.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Asclepias curassavica</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Asclepias</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Asimina triloba</i> (L.) Dunal	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Asparagus</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht

Species name	Country	Examination office
<i>Asparagus madagascariensis</i> Bak.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Asparagus officinalis</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Asparagus officinalis</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Asparagus officinalis</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Asparagus officinalis</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Asplenium nidus</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Aster dumosus</i>	IL	Israel Plant Breeders' Rights Testing Unit
<i>Aster</i> L.	IL	Israel Plant Breeders' Rights Testing Unit
<i>Aster novi-belgii</i> L.	IL	Israel Plant Breeders' Rights Testing Unit
<i>Astilbe Arendsii-Hybrids</i>	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Astilbe</i> Buch.-Ham. ex G. Don	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Astilbe chinensis</i> (Maxim.) Franch. et Sav.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Astilbe simplicifolia</i> Makino	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Astragalus boeticus</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Astrantia</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Astrantia Major</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Astrantia major</i> ssp. <i>Involucrata</i> Koch.	UK	NIAB
<i>Athyrium niponicum</i> (Mett.) Hance	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Aubrieta Adans.</i>	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Avena sativa</i> L.	AT	Bundesamt für Ernährungssicherheit
<i>Avena sativa</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Avena sativa</i> L.	PL	COBORU
<i>Avena sativa</i> L.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Avena sativa</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Avena sativa</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Avena sativa</i> L.	UK	Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Avena sativa</i> L.	SE	Statens utsädeskontroll
<i>Avena sativa</i> L.	SK	UKSUP
<i>Avena sativa</i> L.	CZ	UKZUZ
<i>Baccharis halimifolia</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Barleria obtusa</i> Nees	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Beaucarnea</i> Lem.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Beaucarnea recurvata</i> Lem.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Begonia boliviensis</i> A. DC.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Begonia imperialis</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Begonia</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Begonia</i> L. rex Putz	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Begonia -Semperflorens-Hybrids</i>	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Begonia soli-mutata</i> .	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Begonia Tuberhybrida</i> -Grp.	BE	Centrum voor landbouwkundig onderzoek



Species name	Country	Examination office
<i>Begonia-Elatior-Hybrids</i>	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Begonia-Rex-Hybrids</i>	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Bellis</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Berberis</i> L.	PL	COBORU
<i>Berberis</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i> DC.	PL	COBORU
<i>Berberis thunbergii</i> DC.	FR	GEVES
<i>Bergenia</i> Moench	UK	NIAB
<i>Bergenia purpurascens</i> (Hook. f. et Thomas) Engl.	UK	NIAB
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> L. ssp. <i>vulgaris</i> var. <i>altissima</i> Döll	SE	Statens utsädeskontroll
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> L. ssp. <i>vulgaris</i> var. <i>crassa</i> (Alef.) Wittm	FR	GEVES
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> L. var. <i>conditiva</i> Alef.	PL	COBORU
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> L. var. <i>conditiva</i> Alef.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Betula pendula</i> Roth	UK	NIAB
<i>Betula pendula</i> Roth	HU	OMMI
<i>Bidens ferulifolia</i> (Jacq.) DC.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<b>B</b> <i>Bidens</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Bidens triplinervia</i> var. <i>macrantha</i> (Wedd.) Sherff	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Bistorta amplexicaulis</i> (D.Don) Greene	UK	NIAB
<i>Blechnum</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Boronia heterophylla</i> F. Muell.	AU	Australian Plant Breeders' Rights Office
<i>Boronia heterophylla</i> F. Muell.	NZ	New Zealand Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Bougainvillea</i> Comm.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Bougainvillea glabra</i> Choisy	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Bouvardia</i> Salisb.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Brachyglottis</i> J. R. et G. Forst.	UK	NIAB
<i>Brachyscome angustifolia</i>	UK	NIAB
<i>Brachyscome</i> Cass.	UK	NIAB
<i>Brachyscome melanocarpa</i> F. Muell. et Sond.	UK	NIAB
<i>Brachyscome multifida</i> DC.	UK	NIAB
<i>Brachyscome segmentosa</i>	UK	NIAB
<i>Bracteantha bracteata</i> Anderb. and Haegi	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Brassica carinata</i> A. Braun	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Brassica juncea</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Brassica napus</i> L. emend. Metzg.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Brassica napus</i> L. emend. Metzg.	PL	COBORU
<i>Brassica napus</i> L. emend. Metzg.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Brassica napus</i> L. emend. Metzg.	FR	GEVES
<i>Brassica napus</i> L. emend. Metzg.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Brassica napus</i> L. emend. Metzg.	UK	Plant Variety Rights Office

Species name	Country	Examination office
<i>Brassica napus</i> L. emend. Metzg.	SE	Statens utsädeskontroll
<i>Brassica napus</i> L. emend. Metzg.	SK	UKSUP
<i>Brassica napus</i> L. emend. Metzg.	CZ	UKZUZ
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. convar. <i>botrytis</i> (L.) Alef. var. <i>botrytis</i>	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. convar. <i>botrytis</i> (L.) Alef. var. <i>botrytis</i>	FR	GEVES
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. convar. <i>botrytis</i> (L.) Alef. var. <i>botrytis</i>	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. convar. <i>botrytis</i> (L.) Alef. var. <i>botrytis</i>	HU	OMMI
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. convar. <i>botrytis</i> (L.) Alef. var. <i>botrytis</i>	HU	OMMI
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. convar. <i>botrytis</i> (L.) Alef. var. <i>botrytis</i>	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. convar. <i>botrytis</i> (L.) Alef. var. <i>cymosa</i> Duch.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. convar. <i>botrytis</i> (L.) Alef. var. <i>cymosa</i> Duch.	PL	COBORU
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. convar. <i>botrytis</i> (L.) Alef. var. <i>cymosa</i> Duch.	FR	GEVES
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. convar. <i>botrytis</i> (L.) Alef. var. <i>cymosa</i> Duch.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. convar. <i>botrytis</i> (L.) Alef. var. <i>cymosa</i> Duch.	UK	Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. convar. <i>botrytis</i> (L.) Alef. var. <i>cymosa</i> Duch.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. convar. <i>oleracea</i> var. <i>gemmifera</i> DC	PL	COBORU
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. convar. <i>oleracea</i> var. <i>gemmifera</i> DC	FR	GEVES
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. convar. <i>oleracea</i> var. <i>gemmifera</i> DC	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. convar. <i>oleracea</i> var. <i>gemmifera</i> DC	UK	Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. convar. <i>oleracea</i> var. <i>gemmifera</i> DC	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. var. <i>sabellica</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. var. <i>capitata</i> L. f. <i>alba</i> DC.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. var. <i>capitata</i> L. f. <i>alba</i> DC.	FR	GEVES
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. var. <i>capitata</i> L. f. <i>alba</i> DC.	UK	Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. var. <i>capitata</i> L. f. <i>alba</i> DC.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. var. <i>capitata</i> L. f. <i>alba</i> DC.	CZ	UKZUZ
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. var. <i>capitata</i> L. f. <i>rubra</i> (L.) Thell.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht



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<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. var. <i>capitata</i> L. f. <i>rubra</i> (L.) Thell.	SK	UKSUP
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. var. <i>gongylodes</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. var. <i>gongylodes</i> L.	CZ	UKZUZ
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. var. <i>sabauda</i> L.	UK	Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. var. <i>sabauda</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Brassica oleracea</i> L. var. <i>sabauda</i> L.	CZ	UKZUZ
<i>Brassica pekinensis</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Brassica pekinensis</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Brighamia insignis</i> Gray	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Briza media</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Bromus valdivianus</i>	FR	GEVES
<i>Brugmansia</i> Pers.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Brunnera macrophylla</i> (Adams) Johnst.	UK	NIAB
<i>Buddleja davidii</i> Franch.	FR	GEVES
<i>Buddleja</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Buxus microphylla</i> Siebold et Zucc.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Buxus sempervirens</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Calathea</i> G. Mey.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Calathea roseopicta</i> (Linden) Regel	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Calathea warscewiczii</i> (Mathieu ex Planch.) Körn.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Calendula officinalis</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Calendula suffruticosa</i> Vahl. subsp. <i>maritima</i> (Guss.) Meikle	UK	NIAB
<i>Calibrachoa</i>	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Callisia</i> Loefl.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Callistemon</i>	FR	GEVES
<i>Callistemon salignus</i> (Sm.) DC.	FR	GEVES
<i>Callistemon viminalis</i> (Sol. ex Geartn.) G. Don	FR	GEVES
<i>Callistephus chinensis</i> (L.) Nees	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Calluna vulgaris</i> (L.) Hull	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Calochortus</i> Pursh	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Camellia japonica</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Camellia</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Campanula carpatha</i> Halacsy	UK	NIAB
<i>Campanula carpatica</i> Jacq.	UK	NIAB
<i>Campanula formanekiana</i> Deg. & Dorfl. Bienn.	UK	NIAB
<i>Campanula isophylla</i> Moretti	UK	NIAB
<i>Campanula</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Campanula</i> L. x <i>haylodgensis</i>	UK	NIAB
<i>Campanula lactiflora</i> M. Bieb.	UK	NIAB

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<i>Campanula lasiocarpa</i> Cham.	UK	NIAB
<i>Campanula persicifolia</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Campanula portenschlagiana</i> Schult	UK	NIAB
<i>Campanula poscharskyana</i> Degen	UK	NIAB
<i>Campanula punctata</i> Lam.	UK	NIAB
<i>Campanula punctata</i> var. <i>takesimana</i>	UK	NIAB
<i>Campanula trachelium</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Campanula x haylodgensis</i> hort.	UK	NIAB
<i>Campsis radicans</i> (L.)	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Campsis x tagliabuana</i> (Vis.) Rehder	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Canna indica</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Canna x generalis</i> L.H. Bailey	FR	GEVES
<i>Canna x generalis</i> L.H. Bailey	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cannabis sativa</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Cannabis sativa</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cantharellus cibarius</i> Fr:Fr	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Capparis spinosa</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i> (L.) Medik.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Capsicum annuum</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Capsicum annuum</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Capsicum annuum</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Capsicum annuum</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Capsicum annuum</i> L.	SK	UKSUP
<i>Carex brunnea</i> Thunb.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Carex comans</i> Berggr.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Carex siderosticha</i> Hance	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Carpinus betulus</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Carum</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Caryopteris incana</i>	UK	NIAB
<i>Caryopteris x clandonensis</i> N.W. Simmonds ex Rehder	UK	NIAB
<i>Catharanthus roseus</i> (L.) G. Don	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Ceanothus</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Celosia argentea</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Celosia argentea</i> var. <i>cristata</i> (L.) Kuntze	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Celosia</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Centradenia</i> G. Don	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Centranthus ruber</i> (L.) DC	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Centratherum</i>	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Ceratostigma willmottianum</i> Stapf	UK	NIAB
<i>Chaenomeles</i> Lindl.	DE	Bundessortenamt



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<i>Chamaecyparis lawsoniana</i> (A.Murr.) Parl.	PL	COBORU
<i>Chamaecyparis thyoides</i> (L.) Britton, Stearn et Poggenb.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Chamaerops</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Chasmanthe floribunda</i> var. <i>duckittii</i> G. Lewis ex L. Bol.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cheiranthus cheiri</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Chenopodium</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Chlorophytum amaniense</i> Engl.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Chlorophytum comosum</i> Ker-Gawl.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Chlorophytum</i> Ker-Gawl.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Chlorophytum laxum</i> R. Br.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Chlorophytum orchidastrum</i> Lindl.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Choisya ternata</i> H.B.K.	UK	NIAB
<i>Christia vespertilionis</i> (L. f.) Backh.f.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Chrysanthemum</i>	PL	COBORU
<i>Chrysanthemum</i>	UK	NIAB
<i>Chrysanthemum x Ajania pacifica</i>	UK	NIAB
<i>Cicer arietinum</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Cicer arietinum</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Cichorium endivia</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Cichorium endivia</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Cichorium endivia</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cichorium intybus</i> L. <i>partim</i>	BE	Centrum voor landbouwkundig onderzoek
<i>Cichorium intybus</i> L. <i>partim</i>	FR	GEVES
<i>Cichorium intybus</i> L. <i>partim</i>	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cissus adenopoda</i> Sprague	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cistus x corbariensis</i> Pourr.	UK	NIAB
<i>Citrullus lanatus</i> (Thunb.) Matsum et Nakai	FR	GEVES
<i>Citrullus lanatus</i> (Thunb.) Matsum et Nakai	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Citrullus lanatus</i> (Thunb.) Matsum et Nakai	HU	OMMI
<i>Citrullus lanatus</i> (Thunb.) Matsum et Nakai	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Citrus</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Clematis</i> L.	PL	COBORU
<i>Clematis</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Clematis montana</i>	PL	COBORU
<i>Clematis montana</i>	UK	NIAB
<i>Clematis viticella</i>	PL	COBORU
<i>Clematis viticella</i>	UK	NIAB
<i>Clematis x cartmanii</i>	PL	COBORU
<i>Clematis x cartmanii</i>	UK	NIAB



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<i>Clerodendrum bungei</i> Steud.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Clerodendrum</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Clivia</i> Lindl.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Clusia rosea</i> Jacq.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cnidioscolus</i> Pohl	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Codiaeum variegatum</i> (L.) Bl.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Columnea</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Convolvulus cneorum</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Convolvulus sabatius</i> Viv.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Coprosma</i> J.R. et G. Forst.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Cordyline</i> Comm. ex Juss	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cordyline fruticosa</i> (L.) A. Chev.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Coreopsis grandiflora</i> T. Hogg ex Sweet	UK	NIAB
<i>Coreopsis rosea</i>	UK	NIAB
<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Coriandrum sativum</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Cornus alternifolia</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Cornus kousa</i> Hance	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cornus</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Cornus mas</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Cornus mas</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Cortaderia selloana</i> (Schult. et Schult.f.) Asch. et Graebn.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Corydalis flexuosa</i> Franch.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Corylus avellana</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Corylus avellana</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Corylus avellana</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Corynocarpus</i> J.R. et G. Forst.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cosmos atrosanguineus</i> (Hook.) Voss	UK	NIAB
<i>Cosmos</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Costus curvibracteatus</i> Maas	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Costus pulverulentus</i> C. Presl.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cotinus coggygria</i> Scop.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cotinus</i> Mill.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cotoneaster dammeri</i> D.K. Schneid.	PL	COBORU
<i>Crambe abyssinica</i> Hochst ex. R.E. Fr.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Crassula arborescens</i> (Mill.) Willd.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Crassula</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Crocosmia</i> Planch.	UK	NIAB
<i>Crossandra infundibuliformis</i> (L.) Nees	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Cryptocoryne wendtii</i> de Wit	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht



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<i>Ctenanthe oppenheimiana</i> (E. Morr.) K. Schum	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cucumis melo</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Cucumis melo</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Cucumis melo</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cucumis melo</i> L.	SK	UKSUP
<i>Cucumis sativus</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Cucumis sativus</i> L.	PL	COBORU
<i>Cucumis sativus</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Cucumis sativus</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Cucumis sativus</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Cucumis sativus</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cucumis sativus</i> L.	SK	UKSUP
<i>Cucurbita pepo</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Cucurbita pepo</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Cucurbita pepo</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cuphea hyssopifolia</i> Humb., Bonpl. et Kunth	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Cuphea ignea</i> A.DC.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Cuphea</i> P. Browne	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Cupressocypris leylandii</i> (Jacq. et Dallim.) Dallim.	UK	NIAB
<i>Cupressocypris leylandii</i> (Jacq. et Dallim.) Dallim.	HU	OMMI
<i>Cupressus</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Curcuma alismatifolia</i> Gagnep.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Curcuma</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cyclamen</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cyclamen persicum</i> Mill.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cyclamen persicum</i> Mill. x <i>C. purpurascens</i> Mill.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cydonia oblonga</i> Mill.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Cymbidium</i> Sw.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cynara scolymus</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Cynara scolymus</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cyperus alternifolius</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cyperus diffusus</i> Vahl	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cyperus papyrus</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cyrtopodium</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cyrtanthus</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i> (L.) Link	UK	NIAB
<i>Daboecia cantabrica</i> (Huds.) K. Koch	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i> L.	SK	UKSUP

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<i>Dahlia</i> Cav.	UK	NIAB
<i>Dalechampia</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Daphne</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Daphne odora</i> Thunb. ex Murray	UK	NIAB
<i>Daphne x burkwoodii</i> Turill	UK	NIAB
<i>Daucus carota</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Daucus carota</i> L.	PL	COBORU
<i>Daucus carota</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Daucus carota</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Daucus carota</i> L.	UK	Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Daucus carota</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Delphinium consolida</i>	UK	NIAB
<i>Delphinium elatum</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Delphinium</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Dendrobium</i> Sw.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Dianella caerulea</i> Sims	UK	NIAB
<b>D</b> <i>Dianella ensifolia</i> (L.) DC.	UK	NIAB
<i>Dianella revoluta</i> R. Br.	UK	NIAB
<i>Dianella tasmanica</i> Hook.	UK	NIAB
<i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Dianthus gratianopolitanus</i> Vill.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Dianthus</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Dianthus x allwoodii</i> hort.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Diascia barberae</i> Hook.	UK	NIAB
<i>Diascia</i> Link et Otto	UK	NIAB
<i>Dicentra</i> Borkh. ex Bernh.	UK	NIAB
<i>Dicentra spectabilis</i> (L.) Lem.	UK	NIAB
<i>Dieffenbachia</i> Schott.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Digitalis</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Digitalis purpurea</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Dionaea muscipula</i> Ellis	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Diplotaxis tenuifolia</i> (L.) DC.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Dischidia ruscifolia</i> Warb ex K.Schum. & Lauterb.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Distichlis spicata</i> var. yensen 4A	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Dodecatheon</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Dorycnium hirsutum</i> (L.) Ser.	UK	NIAB
<i>Doryopteris pedata</i> (L.) Fee	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Dracaena deremensis</i> Engl.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Dracaena fragrans</i> (L.) Ker-Gawl.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Dracaena marginata</i> Lam.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht



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<i>Dracaena reflexa</i> Lam.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Dracaena</i> Vand. ex L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Echinacea Moench</i>	UK	NIAB
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> (L.)	UK	NIAB
<i>Echinodorus cordifolius</i> (L.) Griseb.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Echinodorus</i> L.C. Rich. ex Engelm.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Echinops ruthenicus</i> M. Bieb.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Elaeagnus</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Elytrigia elongata</i> (Host) Nevski	HU	OMMI
<i>Epimedium grandiflorum</i> C. Morren	UK	NIAB
<i>Epimedium</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Epipremnum pinnatum</i>	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Epipremnum</i> Schott	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Episcia cupreata</i> (Hook) Hanst.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Eragrostis tef</i>	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Eremurus</i> M. Bieb.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Erica gracilis</i> J. C. Wendl.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Erica</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Erica x darleyensis</i>	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Eriocaulon</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Eruca sativa</i> Mill.	FR	GEVES
<i>Eryngium</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Eryngium planum</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Erysimum hieraciifolium</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Erysimum</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Erysimum</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Erysimum linifolium</i> (Pers.) J. Gay	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Eucomis</i> L'Hér.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Euonymus fortunei</i> (Turcz.) Hand.-Mazz.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Euonymus japonicus</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Euphorbia amygdaloides</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Euphorbia characias</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Euphorbia erytrea</i> (A. Berger) N. E. Br.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Euphorbia fulgens</i> Karw. ex Klotsch	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Euphorbia hypericifolia</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Euphorbia</i> L.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Euphorbia</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Euphorbia lactea hort.</i>	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Euphorbia lophogona</i> Lam.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Euphorbia milii</i> Des Moul.	DE	Bundessortenamt

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<i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i> Willd. ex Klotzsch.	PL	COBORU
<i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i> Willd. ex Klotzsch.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Euphorbia x martinii</i>	UK	NIAB
<i>Euryops athenasiae</i> Less.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Eustoma grandiflora</i> (Ref.) Shinnars	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Evolvulus glomeratus</i> Nees et Mart	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Exacum affine</i> Balf.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Exacum</i> L.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Exacum zeylanicam</i> var. <i>macranthum</i> (Arn.) C. B. Clarke.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Fagopyrum esculentum</i> Moench	PL	COBORU
<i>Fagopyrum esculentum</i> Moench	FR	GEVES
<i>Fallopia baldschuanica</i> (Regel) Holub	UK	NIAB
<i>Fargesia murielae</i> (Gamble) T.P. Yi	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Fargesia murielae</i> (Gamble) T.P. Yi	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Felicia amelloides</i> (L.) Voss	UK	NIAB
<i>Felicia</i> Cass.	UK	NIAB
<i>Festuca arundinacea</i> Schreb.	FR	GEVES
<i>Festuca ovina</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Festuca ovina</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Festuca ovina</i> L.	SK	UKSUP
<i>Festuca rubra</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Festuca rubra</i> L.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Festuca rubra</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Festuca rubra</i> L.	SK	UKSUP
<i>Ficus benjamina</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Ficus binnendijkii</i> Miq.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Ficus elastica</i> Roxb.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Ficus</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Ficus lyrata</i> Warb.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Ficus microcarpa</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Ficus pumila</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Ficus religiosa</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Ficus sagittata</i> Vahl	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Ficus spec.</i>	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Ficus stricta</i> Miq.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Ficus triangularis</i> Warb.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Ficus umbellata</i> Vahl.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Fittonia verschaffeltii</i> (Lem.) Van Houtte	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> P. Mill.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i> P. Mill.	FR	GEVES



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<i>Forsythia</i> Vahl	FR	GEVES
<i>Forsythia x intermedia</i> Zabel	FR	GEVES
<i>Fragaria x ananassa</i> Duch.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Fragaria x ananassa</i> Duch.	PL	COBORU
<i>Fragaria x ananassa</i> Duch.	FR	GEVES
<i>Fragaria x ananassa</i> Duch.	PT	Istituto de proteccao da producao agro-alimentar
<i>Fragaria x ananassa</i> Duch.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Fragaria x Potentilla</i>	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Fragaria x Potentilla</i>	FR	GEVES
<i>Freesia</i> Eckl. ex. Klatt	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Fritillaria</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Fuchsia</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Gaillardia aristata</i> Pursh	UK	NIAB
<i>Gaillardia aristata</i> Pursh	HU	OMMI
<i>Gaillardia</i> Foug.	UK	NIAB
<i>Gaillardia</i> Foug.	HU	OMMI
<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i> Foug.	UK	NIAB
<i>Gaillardia pulchella</i> Foug.	HU	OMMI
<i>Gaillardia x grandiflora</i> Van Houtte	UK	NIAB
<i>Gaillardia x grandiflora</i> Van Houtte	HU	OMMI
<i>Galega officinalis</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Gardenia jasminoides</i> Ellis	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Gaultheria</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Gaura lindheimeri</i> Engelm. et A.Gray	UK	NIAB
<i>Gazania</i> Gaertn.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Gazania rigens</i> (L.) Gaertn.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Gazania rigens</i> (L.) Gaertn.	UK	NIAB
<i>Gentiana asclepiadea</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Gentiana</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Gentiana makinoi</i> Kuzen.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Gentiana scabra</i> Bunge.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Gentiana triflora</i> Pall.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Geranium cinereum</i> Cav.	UK	NIAB
<i>Geranium</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Geranium</i> L. Phaeum	UK	NIAB
<i>Geranium wallichianum</i> D. Don ex Sweet.	UK	NIAB
<i>Geranium x oxonianum</i>	UK	NIAB
<i>Gerbera</i> L.	PL	COBORU
<i>Gerbera</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Geum</i> L. rivale	UK	NIAB

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<i>Ginkgo biloba</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i> L.	PL	COBORU
<i>Gladiolus</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Globba winitii</i> C.H.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Globularia</i> L.	IL	Israel Plant Breeders' Rights Testing Unit
<i>Gloxinia</i> L'Hérit.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Glycine max</i> (L.) Merrill	FR	GEVES
<i>Glycine max</i> (L.) Merrill	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Glycine max</i> (L.) Merrill	HU	OMMI
<i>Gomphrena globosa</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Gossypium hirsutum</i> L.	GR	Ministry of Rural Development and Food
<i>Gossypium hirsutum</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Gossypium</i> L.	GR	Ministry of Rural Development and Food
<i>Gossypium</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Graptophyllum</i> Nees	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Grevillea robusta</i> A. Cunn. ex R. Br.	UK	NIAB
<i>Grevillea robusta</i> A. Cunn. ex R. Br.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Guzmania</i> Ruiz et Pav.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Gynostemma pentaphyllum</i> (Thunb. ex Murray) Makino	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Gypsophila</i> L.	IL	Israel Plant Breeders' Rights Testing Unit
<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i> L.	IL	Israel Plant Breeders' Rights Testing Unit
<i>Hardenbergia violacea</i> (Schneev.) Stearn	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Hebe</i> Comm ex. Juss.	UK	NIAB
<i>Hedera helix</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Hedera helix</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Hedera hibernica</i> (Kirchn.) Bean	UK	NIAB
<i>Hedera hibernica</i> (Kirchn.) Bean	HU	OMMI
<i>Hedera</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Hedera</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Helenium autumnale</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Helenium</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Helianthus annuus</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Helianthus annuus</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Helianthus annuus</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<b>H</b> <i>Helianthus salicifolius</i> A. Dietr.	UK	NIAB
<i>Helianthus tuberosus</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Helichrysum apiculatum</i> (Labill.) DC.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Helichrysum</i> Mill. corr. Pers.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Helichrysum petiolare</i> Hilliard et B.L. Burt	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i> (L.) Sweet	UK	NIAB



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<i>Heliotropium arborescens</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Heliotropium</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Helipterum</i> DC.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Helleborus</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Helleborus niger</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Helleborus orientalis</i> Lam.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Hemerocallis</i>	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Hemigraphis repanda</i> (L.) Hallier f.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Heuchera</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Heucherella</i> Wehrh.	UK	NIAB
<i>Hibiscus acetosella</i> Welw. Ex Hiern	UK	NIAB
<i>Hibiscus</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Hibiscus rosa-sinensis</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Hibiscus schizopetalus</i> (Mast.) Hook. f.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Hibiscus schizopetalus</i> (Mast.) Hook. f.	UK	NIAB
<i>Hibiscus syriacus</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Hippeastrum</i> Herb.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Holarrhena pubescens</i> Wall. ex G.Don	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Homalocladium platycladum</i>	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Homalonema</i> Schott	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> L. <i>sensu lato</i>	AT	Bundesamt für Ernährungssicherheit
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> L. <i>sensu lato</i>	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> L. <i>sensu lato</i>	BE	Centre de recherche agronomique
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> L. <i>sensu lato</i>	PL	COBORU
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> L. <i>sensu lato</i>	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> L. <i>sensu lato</i>	FR	GEVES
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> L. <i>sensu lato</i>	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> L. <i>sensu lato</i>	HU	OMMI
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> L. <i>sensu lato</i>	UK	Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> L. <i>sensu lato</i>	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> L. <i>sensu lato</i>	CZ	UKZUZ
<i>Hosta sieboldiana</i> (Hook.) Engl.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Hosta</i> Tratt.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Humulus lupulus</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Hyacinthus orientalis</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Hydrangea aspera</i> D. Don.	FR	GEVES
<i>Hydrangea</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Hydrangea macrophylla</i> (Thunb. ex Murr.)	FR	GEVES
<i>Hydrangea paniculata</i> Siebold	FR	GEVES



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<i>Hydrangea serrata</i> (Thunb.) Ser.	FR	GEVES
<i>Hydrocotyle</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Hypericum androsaemum</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Hypericum</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Hypericum x inodorum</i> Willd.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Iberis sempervirens</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Ilex crenata</i> Thunb.	UK	NIAB
<i>Ilex dimorphophylla</i> Koidz.	UK	NIAB
<i>Ilex</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Ilex verticillata</i> (L.) A. Gray	UK	NIAB
<i>Ilex x meserveae</i> S.-Y. Hu	UK	NIAB
<i>Illicium floridanum</i> Ellis	UK	NIAB
<i>Impatiens</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Impatiens walleriana</i> Hook.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Impatiens walleriana</i> Hook.	FR	GEVES
<i>Impatiens</i> -New Guinea Group x <i>Impatiens auricoma</i>	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Impatiens</i> -New-Guinea-Hybrids	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Indigofera himalayensis</i> Ali	UK	NIAB
<i>Ionopsis x Oncidium</i>	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Ipomoea batatas</i> (L.) Lam.	UK	NIAB
<i>Iris</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Iris x hollandica</i> hort.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Iris xiphium</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Itea virginica</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Ixodia archilleoides</i>	IL	Israel Plant Breeders' Rights Testing Unit
<i>Ixora</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Jasminum officinale</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Jasminum polyanthum</i> Franch.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Juglans nigra</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Juglans nigra</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Juglans regia</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Juncus effusus</i> L.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Juncus inflexus</i> L.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Juncus</i> L.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Juniperus</i> L.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Juniperus</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Justicia candidans</i> (Nees) L. Benson	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Justicia nodosa</i> Hook.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Justicia pictifolia</i> Standl.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Kalanchoë</i> Adans.	DE	Bundessortenamt



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<i>Kalanchoë blossfeldiana</i> v. Poelln	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Kalanchoë</i> interspec. hybrids with at least one parent of group 13A	DE	Bundessortenamt
<b>K</b> <i>Kalanchoë manginii</i> Hamet et Perr. de la Bâthie	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Kalanchoë marmorata</i> Baker	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Kalanchoë thyrsiflora</i> Harv.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Kniphofia uvaria</i> (L.) Oken	UK	NIAB
<i>Koeleria</i> Pers.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i> Laxm.	HU	OMMI
<i>Kohleria</i> Regel	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Lachenalia</i> Jacq.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Lactuca sativa</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Lactuca sativa</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Lactuca sativa</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Lactuca sativa</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Lagerstroemia</i>	FR	GEVES
<i>Lamium</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Lantana camara</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Lantana</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Laurus</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Laurus Nobilis</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i> Mill.	FR	GEVES
<i>Lavandula dentata</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Lavandula</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Lavandula stoechas</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Lavandula stoechas</i> L.	NZ	New Zealand Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Lavatera</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Lavatera thuringiaca</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Leea</i> D. Royen ex L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Lepidium ruderales</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Leptospermum</i> J.R. et G. Forst.	AU	Australian Plant Breeders' Rights Office
<i>Leptospermum</i> J.R. et G. Forst.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<b>L</b> <i>Leptospermum</i> J.R. et G. Forst.	NZ	New Zealand Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Leptospermum scoparium</i> J.R. Forst. et G. Forst.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Leucadendron</i> R. Br.	IL	Israel Plant Breeders' Rights Testing Unit
<i>Leucanthemum maximum</i> (Ramond) DC.	UK	NIAB
<i>Leucanthemum</i> Mill.	UK	NIAB
<i>Leucanthemum x superbum</i> (J.W.Ingram) Bergmans ex Kent	UK	NIAB
<i>Leucospermum</i> R.Br.	AU	Australian Plant Breeders' Rights Office
<i>Leucothoë axillaris</i> (Lam.) D. Don	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht

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<i>Leycesteria</i> Wall.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Libertia</i> Spreng.	UK	NIAB
<i>Ligularia</i> Cass.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i> Thunb.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Lilium</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Limonium gmelinii</i> (Willd.) Kuntze	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Limonium</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Limonium</i> Mill. <i>Statices</i> L.p.p.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Limonium sinense</i> (Girard) O.Kuntze	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Limonium sinuatum</i> (L.) Mill.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Linaria</i> Mill.	UK	NIAB
<i>Linum usitatissimum</i> L.	BE	Centrum voor landbouwkundig onderzoek
<i>Linum usitatissimum</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Linum usitatissimum</i> L.	UK	Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Linum usitatissimum</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Liriope spicata</i> (Thunb.) Lour.	UK	NIAB
<i>Lithodora diffusa</i> (Lag.) Johnst	UK	NIAB
<i>Lobelia erinus</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Lobelia</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Lobelia</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Lobelia richardii</i>	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Lobelia x gerardii</i>	UK	NIAB
<i>Lolium multiflorum</i> Lam.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Lolium multiflorum</i> Lam.	UK	Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Lolium multiflorum</i> Lam.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Lolium multiflorum</i> Lam. var. <i>westerwoldicum</i> Wittm.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Lolium perenne</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Lolium perenne</i> L.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Lolium perenne</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Lolium perenne</i> L.	UK	Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Lolium perenne</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Lolium x boucheanum</i> Kunth	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Lolium x boucheanum</i> Kunth	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Lolium x boucheanum</i> Kunth	UK	Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Lolium x boucheanum</i> Kunth	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Lomandra</i> Labill.	UK	NIAB
<i>Lomandra longifolia</i> Labill.	AU	Australian Plant Breeders' Rights Office
<i>Lonicera brownii</i>	UK	NIAB



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<i>Lonicera caerulea</i> L. var. <i>kamtschatica</i> Sevest.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Lonicera japonica</i> Thunb.	UK	NIAB
<i>Lonicera</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Lonicera nitida</i> E.H. Wilson	UK	NIAB
<i>Lonicera periclymenum</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Ludisia discolor</i> (Ker Gawl.) A. Rich.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Lupinus albus</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Lupinus albus</i> L.	PL	COBORU
<i>Lupinus angustifolius</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Lupinus angustifolius</i> L.	PL	COBORU
<i>Lupinus</i> L. <i>hybrid</i>	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Lupinus luteus</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Lupinus luteus</i> L.	PL	COBORU
<i>Lychnis flos-cuculi</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Lycopersicon lycopersicum</i> (L.) Karst. ex. Farw.	PL	COBORU
<i>Lycopersicon lycopersicum</i> (L.) Karst. ex. Farw.	FR	GEVES
<i>Lycopersicon lycopersicum</i> (L.) Karst. ex. Farw.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Lycopersicon lycopersicum</i> (L.) Karst. ex. Farw.	HU	OMMI
<i>Lycopersicon lycopersicum</i> (L.) Karst. ex. Farw.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Lycopersicon lycopersicum</i> (L.) Karst. ex. Farw.	SK	UKSUP
<i>Lycopersicon lycopersicum</i> (L.) Karst. ex. Farw. x <i>Lycopersicon hirsutum</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Lycopersicon lycopersicum</i> (L.) Karst. ex. Farw. x <i>Lycopersicon hirsutum</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Lycopersicon lycopersicum</i> (L.) Karst. ex. Farw. x <i>Lycopersicon hirsutum</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Lysimachia clethroides</i> Duby	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Lysimachia fortunei</i> Maxim.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Lysimachia fortunei</i> Maxim. x <i>L. clethroides</i> Duby	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Lysimachia</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Lysimachia punctata</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Magnolia</i> L.	NZ	New Zealand Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Magnolia x soulangiana</i> Soul.-Bod.	NZ	New Zealand Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Magnolia x soulangiana</i> Soul.-Bod.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i> (Pursh) Nutt.	HU	OMMI
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i> (Pursh) Nutt.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Mahonia</i> Nutt.	HU	OMMI
<i>Mahonia</i> Nutt.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Malpighia</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Malus</i> Mill.	DE	Bundessortenamt

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<i>Malus Mill.</i>	FR	GEVES
<i>Malus Mill.</i>	UK	NIAB
<i>Malus Mill.</i>	LV	State Plant Protection Service
<i>Malus Mill.</i>	CZ	UKZUZ
<i>Malus sieboldii</i> (Regel) Rehd.	UK	NIAB
<i>Malva sylvestris</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Mandevilla</i> Lindl.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Mandevilla sanderi</i> (Hemsl.) Woodson	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Mandevilla x amabilis</i> hort. Buckland	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Matthiola</i> R. Br. <i>corr.</i> Spreng	DE	Bundessortenamt
<b>M</b> <i>Mecardonia</i> Ruiz et Pav.	UK	NIAB
<i>Medicago sativa</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Medicago sativa</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Medinilla magnifica</i> Lindl.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Melittis</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Microsorium</i> Link	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Microsorium musifolium</i> (Blume) Ching	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Microsorium pteropus</i> (Bl.) Ching	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Microsorium punctatum</i> (L.) Copel.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Microsorium scolopendrium</i> (Burm.f.) Copel	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Miscanthus</i> Andersson	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> (Thunb.) Andersson	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Monarda didyma</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Monarda</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Monopsis</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Monopsis lutea</i> Urb.	UK	NIAB
<i>Monopsis unidentata</i> (Ait.f.) F.E. Kimmer	UK	NIAB
<i>Morus alba</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Musa acuminata</i> Colla	FR	GEVES
<i>Muscari macrocarpum</i> Sweet	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Myosotis alpestris</i>	UK	NIAB
<i>Myosotis</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Myosotis palustris</i> (L.) Nath.	UK	NIAB
<i>Myrtus communis</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Narcissus bulbocodium</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Narcissus</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Nemesia caerulea</i>	UK	NIAB
<i>Nemesia denticulata</i>	UK	NIAB
<i>Nemesia foetens</i> Vent.	UK	NIAB
<i>Nemesia frutescens</i> G. Don	UK	NIAB



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<i>Nemesia fruticosa</i>	UK	NIAB
<i>Nemesia</i> Vent.	UK	NIAB
<b>N</b> <i>Neoregelia</i> L.B. Sm.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Neotyphodium</i> (Acremonium)	NZ	New Zealand Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Nepenthes</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Nepeta subsessilis</i> Maxim.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Nephrolepis cordifolia</i> (L.) C. Presl	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Nephrolepis exaltata</i> (L.) Schott	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Nephrolepis</i> Schott	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Nerium oleander</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Nicotiana</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Nicotiana tabacum</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Nicotiana tabacum</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Nierembergia</i> Ruiz et Pav.	UK	NIAB
<i>Nigella</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Nolana</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Nymphaea capensis</i> Thunb.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Ocimum basilicum</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<b>O</b> <i>Oenothera fruticosa</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Oenothera</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Olea europaea</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Ophiopogon japonicus</i> (L.f.) Ker-Gawl.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Origanum</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Origanum vulgare</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Ornithogalum dubium</i> Hoult.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Ornithogalum</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Ornithogalum thyrsoides</i> Jacq.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Oryza sativa</i> L.	IT	ENSE
<i>Oryza sativa</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Oryza sativa</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Osteospermum ecklonis</i> (DC.) Norl.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Otacanthus azureus</i> (Linden) Ronse	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Otacanthus caeruleus</i> Lindl.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Oxalis bowiei</i> Lindl.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Oxalis dispar</i> N. E. Br.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Oxalis</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Oxalis regnellii</i> Miq.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Oxypetalum</i> R.Br	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Paeonia</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Panicum</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht

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<i>Papaver</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Papaver orientale</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Papaver rhoeas</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Papaver somniferum</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Parthenocissus</i> Planch.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Passiflora caerulea</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Passiflora violacea</i> Vell.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Pastinaca sativa</i> L.	UK	Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Paulownia fortunei</i> (Seem.) Hemsl.	IT	Istituto sperimentale per la frutticoltura
<i>Paulownia</i> Sieb. et Zucc.	AU	Australian Plant Breeders' Rights Office
<b>P</b> <i>Pelargonium crispum</i> (L.) L'Her. ex Aiton	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Pelargonium grandiflorum</i> Willd.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Pelargonium</i> L'Her. ex Aiton	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Pelargonium peltatum</i> (L.) L'Her. ex Aiton	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Pelargonium peltatum</i> x <i>pelargonium</i> zonale hybrids	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Pelargonium</i> x <i>graveolens</i> auct. non L'Hér. ex Aiton	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Pelargonium zonale</i> (L.) L'Her. ex Aiton	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Pelargonium zonale</i> (L.) L'Her. ex Aiton x <i>Pelargonium tongaense</i> Vorster.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Pennisetum orientale</i> L. C. Rich	UK	NIAB
<i>Penstemon hartwegii</i> Benth.	UK	NIAB
<i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i> Lindl.	UK	NIAB
<i>Penstemon</i> Schmidel	UK	NIAB
<i>Pentas</i> Benth.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Pentas lanceolata</i> (Forssk.) Deflers.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Peperomia caperata</i> Yunck.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Peperomia</i> Ruiz et Pav.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Pereskia saccharosa</i> Griseb.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Pericallis x hybrida</i> B. Nord.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Perovskia</i> Karel.	UK	NIAB
<i>Persea americana</i> Mill.	IL	Israel Plant Breeders' Rights Testing Unit
<i>Persicaria</i> (L.) Mill.	UK	NIAB
<i>Persicaria microcephala</i> (D.Don) Sasaki	UK	NIAB
<i>Petasites</i>	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Petroselinum crispum</i> (Mill.) Nyman ex A.W. Hill	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Petroselinum crispum</i> (Mill.) Nyman ex A.W. Hill	PL	COBORU
<i>Petroselinum crispum</i> (Mill.) Nyman ex A.W. Hill	FR	GEVES
<i>Petroselinum crispum</i> (Mill.) Nyman ex A.W. Hill	SK	UKSUP
<i>Petunia</i> Juss.	DE	Bundessortenamt



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<i>Petunia</i> Juss.	FR	GEVES
<i>Petunia x Calibrachoa</i>	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Bl.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Phaseolus coccineus</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.	PL	COBORU
<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.	SK	UKSUP
<i>Philodendron</i> (Schott) corr. Schott.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Philodendron bipinnatifidum</i> Schott ex Endl.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Philodendron domesticum</i> Bunting	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Philodendron scandens</i> K. Koch et Sello	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Phleum pratense</i> L.	UK	Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Phleum pratense</i> L.	SK	UKSUP
<i>Phlox drummondii</i> Hook.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Phlox</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Phlox-Paniculata-Hybrids</i>	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Phormium tenax</i> J.R.Forst. et G.Forst.	UK	NIAB
<i>Photina x fraseri</i> Dress.	UK	NIAB
<i>Photinia</i> Lindl.	UK	NIAB
<i>Photinia glabra</i> (Thunb.)	UK	NIAB
<i>Photinia serratifolia</i>	UK	NIAB
<i>Phygелиus aequalis</i> Harv. ex Hiern	UK	NIAB
<i>Phygелиus</i> E. Mey. ex Benth.	UK	NIAB
<i>Physalis alkekengi</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Physocarpus</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i> (L.) maxim	UK	NIAB
<i>Picea abies</i> (L.) Karst	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Picea glauca</i> (Moench) Voss	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Pieris japonica</i> (Thunb.) D. Don ex G. Don	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Pinus halepensis</i> Mill.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Pinus</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Pinus nigra</i> Arnold	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Pisum sativum</i> L. <i>sensu lato</i>	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Pisum sativum</i> L. <i>sensu lato</i>	PL	COBORU



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<i>Pisum sativum</i> L. <i>sensu lato</i>	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Pisum sativum</i> L. <i>sensu lato</i>	FR	GEVES
<i>Pisum sativum</i> L. <i>sensu lato</i>	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Pisum sativum</i> L. <i>sensu lato</i>	HU	OMMI
<i>Pisum sativum</i> L. <i>sensu lato</i>	EE	Plant Production Inspectorate
<i>Pisum sativum</i> L. <i>sensu lato</i>	UK	Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Pisum sativum</i> L. <i>sensu lato</i>	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Pisum sativum</i> L. <i>sensu lato</i>	SK	UKSUP
<i>Pisum sativum</i> L. <i>sensu lato</i>	CZ	UKZUZ
<i>Pitcairnia hitchcockiana</i> L. B. Sm.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Pittosporum tenuifolium</i> Soland. ex Gaertn.	UK	NIAB
<i>Platanus x acerifolia</i> (Aiton) Willd.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Platanus x hispanica</i> Münchh.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Platycodon grandiflorus</i> (Jacq.) A. DC.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Plectranthus hilliardiae</i> Codd.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Plectranthus</i> L'Hérit.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Plectranthus oertendahlii</i> Th.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Plectranthus ornatus</i> Codd.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Plectranthus parviflorus</i> Willd.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Plectranthus saccatus</i> Benth.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Pleioblastus variegatus</i> (Sieb. Ex. Miq.) Mak.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Pleurotus eryngii</i>	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Pleurotus ostreatus</i> (Jacq.:Fr.) Kummer	NZ	New Zealand Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Pleurotus ostreatus</i> (Jacq.:Fr.) Kummer	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Plumbago indica</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Poa annua</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Poa arachnifera</i> Torr. X <i>Poa pratensis</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Poa pratensis</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Poa pratensis</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Poa pratensis</i> L.	CZ	UKZUZ
<i>Podophyllum</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Pogonatherum paniceum</i> (P. Beauv.) Hach.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Polemonium caeruleum</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Polemonium</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Polemonium reptans</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Polemonium yezoense</i> (Miyabe & Kudô) Kitam.	UK	NIAB
<i>Polygala</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Populus deltoides</i> Bartr. ex Marsh.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Populus</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Portulaca grandiflora</i> Hook.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht



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<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Potentilla</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Primula auricula</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Primula</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Primula vulgaris</i> Huds.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Prostanthera</i> Labill.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Protea cynaroides</i> (L.) L.	AU	Australian Plant Breeders' Rights Office
<i>Prunus amygdalus</i> Batsch x <i>Prunus persica</i> Batsch	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Prunus armeniaca</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Prunus armeniaca</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Prunus avium</i> (L.) L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Prunus avium</i> (L.) L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Prunus avium</i> (L.) L. x <i>Prunus fruticosa</i> Pallas	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Prunus besseyi</i> Bailey x <i>Prunus cerasifera</i> Ehrh.	FR	GEVES
<i>Prunus canescens</i> L. x <i>Prunus incisia</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Prunus canescens</i> L. x <i>Prunus tomentosa</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Prunus cerasifera</i> Ehrh.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Prunus cerasus</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Prunus domestica</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Prunus domestica</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Prunus fruticosa</i> Pallas x <i>Prunus cerasus</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Prunus insititia</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Prunus</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Prunus mahaleb</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Prunus padus</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Prunus persica</i> (L.) Batsch	FR	GEVES
<i>Prunus persica</i> (L.) Batsch	IT	Istituto sperimentale per la frutticoltura
<i>Prunus persica</i> (L.) Batsch	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Prunus persica</i> (L.) Batsch	HU	OMMI
<i>Prunus persica</i> Batsch x <i>Prunus davidiana</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Prunus persica</i> Batsch x <i>Prunus domestica</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Prunus pumila</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Prunus salicina</i> Lindl.	IT	Istituto sperimentale per la frutticoltura
<i>Prunus salicina</i> Lindl.	LV	State Plant Protection Service
<i>Prunus salicina</i> Lindl. x <i>Prunus armeniaca</i> L.	IT	Istituto sperimentale per la frutticoltura
<i>Prunus tomentosa</i> Thunb. ex. Murr. x <i>Prunus cerasifera</i> Ehrh	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Pteris</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Pulmonaria</i> L.	UK	NIAB

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<i>Pyracantha</i> M. J. Roem	FR	GEVES
<i>Pyrus communis</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Pyrus communis</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Pyrus communis</i> L.	LV	State Plant Protection Service
<i>Pyrus pyrifolia</i> (Burm f.) Nakai var. <i>culta</i> (Mak.) Nakai.	FR	GEVES
<b>Q</b> <i>Quercus cerris</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Ranunculus asiaticus</i> L.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Ranunculus</i> L.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Raphanus sativus</i> L. var. <i>radicola</i> Pers.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Raphanus sativus</i> L. var. <i>radicola</i> Pers.	FR	GEVES
<i>Raphanus sativus</i> L. var. <i>radicola</i> Pers.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Raphanus sativus</i> L. var. <i>radicola</i> Pers.	HU	OMMI
<i>Raphanus sativus</i> L. var. <i>radicola</i> Pers.	UK	Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Raphanus sativus</i> L. var. <i>radicola</i> Pers.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Rhipsalidopsis</i> Br. et R.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Rhododendron</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Rhododendron</i> L.	LV	State Plant Protection Service
<i>Rhododendron obtusum</i> x (Lindl.) Planch.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Rhododendron-Simsii-Hybrids</i>	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Rhus hirta</i> (L.) Sudw.	UK	NIAB
<i>Rhus typhina</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Ribes nigrum</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Ribes nigrum</i> L.	PL	COBORU
<i>Ribes nigrum</i> L.	LV	State Plant Protection Service
<i>Ribes rubrum</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Ribes sanguineum</i> Push.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Ribes sylvestre</i> (Lam.) Mert. & W. Koch	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Ribes uva-crispa</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Ribes x nidigrolaria</i> R. et A. Bauer	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Robinia</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<b>R</b> <i>Rodgersia pinnata</i> Franch.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Rosa</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Rosa</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Rosa</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Rosa</i> L.	LV	State Plant Protection Service
<i>Rubus idaeus</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Rubus subgenus Eubatus</i> Sect. Moriferi & Ursini	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Rudbeckia</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Rudbeckia</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Ruellia macrantha</i> Mart.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht



Species name	Country	Examination office
<i>Rumohra adiantiformis</i> (G. Frost) Ching	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Russelia</i> Jacq.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Saintpaulia ionantha</i> H. Wendl.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Salix aurita</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Salix caprea</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Salix dasyclados</i> Wimm.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Salix integra</i> Thunb.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Salix</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Salix matsudana</i> Koidz.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Salix repens</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Salix schwerinii</i> E.L. Wolf x <i>S. viminalis</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Salix viminalis</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Salvia greggii</i> A. Grey	UK	NIAB
<i>Salvia</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Salvia leucantha</i> Cav.	UK	NIAB
<i>Salvia nemorosa</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Salvia officinalis</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<b>S</b> <i>Salvia splendens</i> Buc'hoz ex Etl.	UK	NIAB
<i>Sambucus</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Sambucus nigra</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Sanvitalia</i> Lam.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Sanvitalia procumbens</i> Lam.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Satureja douglasii</i>	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Satureja hortensis</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Saxifraga</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Saxifraga x arendsii</i> Engl.	UK	NIAB
<i>Scabiosa atropurpurea</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Scabiosa caucasica</i> M. Bieb.	UK	NIAB
<i>Scabiosa columbaria</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Scabiosa japonica</i> var. <i>alpina</i>	UK	NIAB
<i>Scabiosa</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Scabiosa ochroleuca</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Scaevola aemula</i> R. Br.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Scaevola</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Scaevola saligna</i> G. Forst.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Schefflera arboricola</i> (Hayata) Hayata	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Schefflera heptaphylla</i> (L.) Frodin	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Schefflera</i> J. R. et G. Forst	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Schlumbergera Hybrids</i>	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

Species name	Country	Examination office
<i>Schlumbergera</i> Lem.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Schlumbergera truncata</i> (Haw.) Moran	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Scutellaria</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Scutellaria costaricana</i> H. Wendl.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Scutellaria indica</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Secale cereale</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Secale cereale</i> L.	PL	COBORU
<i>Secale montanum</i> x <i>Secale cereale</i>	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Sedum</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Sedum spectabile</i> Boreau	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Sedum telephium</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Senecio archeri</i>	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Senecio haworthii</i>	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Senecio</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Senecio talinoides</i> (DC.) Sch. Bip.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Serruria</i> Burm. ex Salisb.	UK	NIAB
<i>Setaria italica</i> (L.) P. Beauv.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Setaria</i> P. Beauv.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Sidalcea</i> A. Gray	UK	NIAB
<i>Silene dioica</i> (L.) Clairv.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Silene</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Sinapis alba</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Sinapis alba</i> L.	PL	COBORU
<i>Sinapis alba</i> L.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Sinapis alba</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Sinningia</i> Nees	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Skimmia japonica</i> subsp. <i>reevesiana</i> (Fortune) N.P. Taylor et Airy Shaw	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Skimmia japonica</i> Thunb.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Skimmia</i> Thunb.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Solanum difflorum</i> Vell.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Solanum jasminoides</i> Paxt.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Solanum melongena</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Solanum melongena</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Solanum melongena</i> L.	SK	UKSUP
<i>Solanum pseudocapsicum</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Solanum rantonettii</i> Carr. ex Lescuy	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Solanum sisymbriifolium</i> Lam.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L.	AT	Bundesamt für Ernährungssicherheit
<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L.	PL	COBORU



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<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L.	IE	Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry
<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L.	UK	Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L.	SK	UKSUP
<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L.	CZ	UKZUZ
<i>Solenostemon scutellarioides</i> (L.) Codd	UK	NIAB
<i>Solidago flexicaulis</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Solidago</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Solidaster</i>	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Sophora</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Sorbaria sorbifolia</i> (L.) A. Braun	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Sorbus</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Sorbus</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Sorghum bicolor</i> (L.) Moench	FR	GEVES
<i>Sorghum bicolor</i> (L.) Moench	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Sorghum bicolor</i> (L.) Moench	HU	OMMI
<i>Sorghum</i> Moench	FR	GEVES
<i>Sorghum</i> Moench	HU	OMMI
<i>Spathiphyllum</i> Schott.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Spathoglottis</i> Bl.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Spinacia oleracea</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Spinacia oleracea</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Spinacia oleracea</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Spinacia oleracea</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Spinacia oleracea</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Spiraea</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Spiraea nipponica</i> Maxim.	UK	NIAB
<i>Stephanandra</i> Sieb et Zucc.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Streptocarpus</i> Lindl.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Streptocarpus-Hybrids</i>	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Strobilanthes</i> Bl.	UK	NIAB
<i>Stromanthe sanguinea</i> (Hook) Sond.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Stylidium graminifolium</i> Sw. ex Willd.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Sutera cordata</i> Thunb. Kuntze	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Sutera diffusus</i> hort.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Sutera grandiflora</i> (Galpin) Hiern	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Sutera</i> Roth	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Symphoricarpos</i> × <i>chenaultii</i> Rehder.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht

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<i>Symphoricarpos</i> Duham.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Symphytum</i> × <i>uplandicum</i> Nyman	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Syngonanthus</i> Ruhland	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Syngonium</i> Schott.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Syringa vulgaris</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Tacca</i> chantrieri André	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Tacca</i> chantrieri André × <i>Tacca integrifolia</i> Ker-Gawl.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Tagetes</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Tanacetum parthenium</i> (L.) Schultz Bip.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Telopea</i> R. Br.	AU	Australian Plant Breeders' Rights Office
<i>Thalictrum</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Thuja</i> L.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i> L.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Thuja plicata</i> Donn ex D. Don	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Thunbergia alata</i> Bojer ex Sims	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Thunbergia</i> Retz.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Thymus</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Tiarella</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Tibouchina urvilleana</i> (DC.) Cogn.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Tilia cordata</i> Mill.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Tilia</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Tillandsia cyanea</i> Linden ex K. Koch	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Tillandsia</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Torenia</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Trachelium</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Tradescantia</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Tradescantia spathacea</i> Sw.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Tradescantia</i> × <i>andersonia</i> W. Ludw. et Rohweder	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Tricyrtis formosana</i> Baker	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Tricyrtis hirta</i> (Thunb.) Hook.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<b>T</b> <i>Trifolium incarnatum</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Trifolium pratense</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Trifolium pratense</i> L.	SK	UKSUP
<i>Trifolium repens</i> L.	UK	Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Trifolium repens</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Trifolium repens</i> L.	CZ	UKZUZ
<i>Triteleia</i> Douglas ex Lindl.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Triticum aestivum</i> L. emend. Fiori et Paol.	AT	Bundesamt für Ernährungssicherheit
<i>Triticum aestivum</i> L. emend. Fiori et Paol.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Triticum aestivum</i> L. emend. Fiori et Paol.	BE	Centre de recherche agronomique



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<i>Triticum aestivum</i> L. emend. Fiori et Paol.	PL	COBORU
<i>Triticum aestivum</i> L. emend. Fiori et Paol.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Triticum aestivum</i> L. emend. Fiori et Paol.	FR	GEVES
<i>Triticum aestivum</i> L. emend. Fiori et Paol.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Triticum aestivum</i> L. emend. Fiori et Paol.	HU	OMMI
<i>Triticum aestivum</i> L. emend. Fiori et Paol.	UK	Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Triticum aestivum</i> L. emend. Fiori et Paol.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Triticum aestivum</i> L. emend. Fiori et Paol.	CZ	UKZUZ
<i>Triticum durum</i> Desf.	AT	Bundesamt für Ernährungssicherheit
<i>Triticum durum</i> Desf.	FR	GEVES
<i>Triticum durum</i> Desf.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Triticum spelta</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Triticum spelta</i> L.	BE	Centre de recherche agronomique
<i>Tropaeolum majus</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Tulipa</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Turnera diffusa</i> Willd. ex Schult.	UK	NIAB
<i>Tussilago farfara</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<b>U</b> <i>Ulmus</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Ulmus</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Vaccinium simulatum</i> Small	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Valerianella locusta</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Valerianella locusta</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Verbascum chaixii</i> Vill.	UK	NIAB
<i>Verbascum</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Verbena</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Veronica</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Veronica longifolia</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Veronica peduncularis</i> M. B.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Veronica prostrata</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Veronica spicata</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Verticordia plumose</i> (Desf.) Druce x <i>Chamelaucium uncinatum</i> Schauer	AU	Australian Plant Breeders' Rights Office
<i>Viburnum</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Vicia ervilia</i> (L.) Willd.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Vicia faba</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<b>V</b> <i>Vicia faba</i> L.	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Vicia faba</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Vicia faba</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Vicia faba</i> L.	UK	Plant Variety Rights Office
<i>Vicia faba</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht



Species name	Country	Examination office
<i>Vicia faba</i> L.	SK	UKSUP
<i>Vicia narbonensis</i> L.	IT	ENSE
<i>Vicia sativa</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Vicia sativa</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Vinca</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Viola</i> L.	UK	NIAB
<i>Viola-Wittrockiana-Hybrids</i>	UK	NIAB
<i>Vitis</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Vitis</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Vitis</i> L.	IT	Istituto sperimentale per la viticoltura
<i>Vitis</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Vitis</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Vriesea</i> Lindl.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Weigela</i> Thunb.	FR	GEVES
<i>Weigela florida</i> (Bunge) A. DC.	FR	GEVES
<i>Weinmannia</i>	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Wisteria frutescens</i>	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>X Colmanara</i> hort.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>X Doritaenopsis</i> Hort.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>X Festulolium</i>	CZ	UKZUZ
<i>X Halimicistus sahucii</i>	UK	NIAB
<i>X Iwanagara</i> Hort.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>X Odontonia</i> hort.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>X Solidaster</i> Wehrh.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>X Triticosecale</i> W.	AT	Bundesamt für Ernährungssicherheit
<i>X Triticosecale</i> W.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>X Triticosecale</i> W.	PL	COBORU
<i>X Triticosecale</i> W.	FR	GEVES
<i>X Triticosecale</i> W.	SE	Statens utsädeskontroll
<i>Xanthosoma robustum</i> Schott	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Yucca</i> L.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Zamioculcas zamiifolia</i> (Lodd.) Engl.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Zantedeschia</i> Spreng.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht
<i>Zanthoxylum piperitum</i> DC.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Zea mays</i> L.	DE	Bundessortenamt
<i>Zea mays</i> L.	FR	GEVES
<i>Zea mays</i> L.	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Zea mays</i> L.	HU	OMMI
<i>Zelkova serrata</i> (Thunb. ex Murray) Makino	DK	Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
<i>Zinnia</i> L.	UK	NIAB

<b>Species name</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Examination office</b>
<i>Zoysia matrella</i>	ES	Oficina española de variedades vegetales
<i>Zygopetalum</i> Hook.	NL	Raad voor het kwekersrecht



## 16. ANNEX (BOARD OF APPEAL)

APPEALS RECEIVED BY THE CPVO AND DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF APPEAL  
SINCE THE BEGINNING

Number of appeals received by the CPVO	Reasons for the appeals received	Number of decisions taken by the Board of Appeal	Number of the decision and date	Date of publication in the Official Gazette of the CPVO
<b>1996</b>				
0	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
<b>1997</b>				
2	Variety denomination and novelty	None	N/A	N/A
<b>1998</b>				
2	Variety denomination and novelty	None	N/A	N/A
<b>1999</b>				
2	Distinction and novelty	1	A 2/1998 of 14 September 1999	15 April 2000
<b>2000</b>				
8	Distinctness (1), Article 55(4) of the BR (*) (3), non-payment of annual fees (4).	2	A 1/1999 of 25 January 2000	15 April 2000
			A 2/1999 of 19 May 2000 (interim decision)	15 April 2000
<b>2001</b>				
1	Article 8 of the BR (1)	2	A 2/2000 of 27 March 2001	15 June 2000
			A 4/2000 of 6 December 2001	15 April 2002
<b>2002</b>				
35	Non-payment of annual fees (25), distinctness (8), Article 11 of the BR (1), Article 55 of the BR (1)	1	A 5/2000 of 28 May 2002	15 August 2002

(\*) BR = basic regulation (Council Regulation (EC) No 2100/94).

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<b>2003</b>				
6	Article 7 of the BR (3), Article 8 of the BR (2), Article 55 of the BR (1)	15	A 5/2002 of 2 April 2003	15 June 2003
			A 1/2002– 2/2002– 3/2002 of 1 April 2003	15 June 2003
			A 18/2002 of 14 May 2003	15 August 2003
			A 8/2002-9/2002- 10/2002– 11/2002– 12/2002– 13/2002 of 15 May 2003	15 August 2003
			A 17/2002 of 3 April 2003	15 June 2003
			A 23/2002 of 8 October 2003	15 December 2003
			A 31/2002 of 8 December 2003	15 February 2004
			A 21/2002 of 9 December 2003	15 February 2004
<b>2004</b>				
8	Article 20 (1), non-payment of annual fees (1), distinctness (3), variety denomination (1), uniformity (1), novelty (1)	5	A 3/2003 of 4 June 2004	15 August 2004
			A 4/2003 of 4 June 2004	15 August 2004
			A 5/2003–6/2003 of 28 September 2004	15 December 2004
			A 1/2004 of 16 December 2004	15 February 2005
<b>2005</b>				
4	Article 11 of the BR (1), distinctness (2), Article 10 (1)	4	A 6/2004 of 15 June 2005	15 August 2005
			A 5/2004 of 16 June 2005	15 August.2005
			A 4/2004 of 18 July 2005	15 October2005
			A 1/2005 of 8 November 2005	15 January 2006



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