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UPOV-ROM Plant Variety Database

INTRODUCTION

CONTENT OF THE UPOV-ROM

The UPOV-ROM contains two different types of information:

- the *Plant Variety Database*, including a *Taxon File on Species Names*, and
- some *Additional Useful Information*.

THE PLANT VARIETY DATABASE

The main part of the UPOV-ROM disc is the *Plant Variety Database*. Data on plant varieties from contributing members of the Union and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (representing about 300,000 documents) is available in the UPOV-ROM search system. The great majority of these documents relate to plant breeders' rights or national listings in the members of the Union, but it covers also data from the List of Cultivars Eligible for Certification of the OECD Schemes for the Varietal Certification of Seed Moving in International Trade, published by the OECD.

The database contains some or all of the following information for each variety: the botanical name (Latin name), common name, UPOV code and identification; information on its denomination (breeder's reference, dates of proposal, approval and rejection, if any, of the denomination, and dates of the publications thereof, synonyms, associated trade names, etc.); dates and numbers of application and grant, future termination of grant or actual expiration date; information on the breeder, applicant, title holder and maintainer; information on priority or other information on the status of the variety.

Since the main reason for starting the database was the checking of variety denominations, the database is not restricted to varieties for which protection has been obtained or has been applied for, but covers any variety considered important for naming purposes. It includes, for example, the varieties on national lists of varieties admitted to commerce and also varieties which are not on any official list, but which are in commerce (e.g. ornamental varieties selected from breeders catalogues) and even varieties which are no longer in commerce but which have obtained a certain importance and whose denomination should not be re-used for varieties of the same class.

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