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PLANT QUARANTINE ACT
(CAP. 433)

Examination of Varieties of Agricultural Plant and Vegetable Species (Amendment) Regulations, 2026

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by article 32 of the Plant Quarantine Act, the Minister responsible for food has made the following regulations:-

Citation and scope.

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Examination of Varieties of Agricultural Plant and Vegetable Species (Amendment) Regulations, 2026 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Examination of Varieties of Vegetable Species Regulations, hereinafter referred to as the "principal regulations". S.L. 433.36.

(2) The scope of these regulations is to transpose Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2025/2449 of 4 December 2025 amending Directives 2003/90/EC and 2003/91/EC as regards the protocols for the examination of certain varieties of agricultural plant species and vegetable species.

Substitutes regulation 2 to the principal regulations.

2. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new regulation:

"Interpretation.

2. In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires:

"competent authority" means the Food Safety and Security Authority."

Substitutes Schedule I to the principal regulations.

3. Schedule I to the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new Schedule:

"**SCHEDULE I**
(Regulation 3(2)(a)(i))
CPVO guidelines

The following tables list the genera and species for which CPVO protocols shall apply. These technical protocols can be found on the CPVO website*

1. Agricultural Plants

*Vide https://cpvo.europa.eu/en/applications-and-examinations/technical-examinations/technical-protocols/cpvo-technical-protocols

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A. Cereals

Table 1.1:

Scientific name	Common name	CPVO protocol
Avena nuda L.	Small naked oat, Hulless oat	TP 20/3 of 6.3.2020
Avena sativa L. (includes *A. byzantina* K. Koch)	Oats and Red oat	TP 20/3 of 6.3.2020
Hordeum vulgare L.	Barley	TP 19/5 of 19.3.2019
Secale cereale L.	Rye	TP 58/1 Rev. Corr. of 27.4.2022
Sorghum bicolor (L.) Moench subsp. *bicolor*	Sorghum	TP 122/1 of 19.3.2019
Sorghum bicolor (L.) Moench subsp. *drummondii* (Steud.) de Wet ex Davidse	Sudan grass	TP 122/1 of 19.3.2019
Sorghum bicolor (L.) Moench subsp. *bicolor* x *Sorghum bicolor* (L.) Moench subsp. *drummondii* (Steud.) de Wet ex Davidse	Hybrids resulting from the crossing of *Sorghum bicolor* subsp. *bicolor* and *Sorghum bicolor* subsp. *drummondii*	TP 122/1 of 19.3.2019
xTriticosecale Wittm. ex A. Camus	Hybrids resulting from the crossing of a species of the genus *Triticum* and a species of the genus *Secale*	TP 121/3 Corr. of 27.4.2022
Triticum aestivum L. subsp. *aestivum*	Wheat	TP 3/5 of 19.3.2019
Triticum turgidum L. subsp. *durum* (Desf.) van Slageren	Durum wheat	TP 120/3 of 19.3.2014
Zea mays L. (partim)	Maize	TP 2/3 of 11.3.2010

B. Fodder Plants

Table 1.2:

Scientific name	Common name	CPVO protocol
Poaceae (Gramineae)		

Festuca filiformis Pourr.	Fine-leaved sheep's fescue	TP 67/1 of 23.6.2011
Festuca ovina L.	Sheep's fescue	TP 67/1 of 23.6.2011
Festuca pratensis Huds.	Meadow fescue	TP 39/1 of 1.10.2015
Festuca rubra L.	Red fescue	TP 67/1 of 23.6.2011
Festuca trachyphylla (Hack.) Hack.	Hard fescue	TP 67/1 of 23.6.2011
Lolium multiflorum Lam.	Italian ryegrass	TP 4/2 of 19.3.2019
Lolium perenne L.	Perennial ryegrass	TP 4/2 of 19.3.2019
Poa pratensis L.	Smooth-stalked meadow grass	TP 33/1 of 15.3.2017
Fabaceae (Leguminosae)		
Medicago sativa L.	Lucerne	TP /6/1 Corr. of 22.12.2021
Pisum sativum L. (partim)	Field pea	TP 7/2 Rev. 3 Corr. of 6.3.2020
Trifolium pratense L.	Red clover	TP 5/1 Rev. of 13.02.2025
Vicia faba L.	Field bean	TP 8/1 of 19.3.2019
Vicia sativa L.	Common vetch	TP 32/1 of 19.4.2016

C. Potatoes

Table 1.3:

Scientific name	Common name	CPVO protocol
Solanum tuberosum L.	Potato	TP 23/4 of 28.11.2023

2. Vegetables

Table 1.4:

Scientific name	Common name	CPVO protocol
Allium cepa L. (Cepa group)	Onion and Echalion	TP 46/2 of 1.4.2009
Allium cepa L. (Aggregatum group)	Shallot	TP 46/2 of 1.4.2009

Allium fistulosum L.	Japanese bunching onion or Welsh onion	TP 161/1 of 11.3.2010
Allium porrum L.	Leek	TP 85/2 of 1.4.2009
Allium sativum L.	Garlic	TP 162/2 of 30.5.2023
Allium schoenoprasum L.	Chives	TP 198/2 of 11.3.2015
Apium graveolens L.	Celery	TP 82/1 of 13.3.2008
Apium graveolens L.	Celeriac	TP 74/1 of 13.3.2008
Asparagus officinalis L.	Asparagus	TP 130/2 Rev. of 3.1.2025
Beta vulgaris L.	Beetroot including Cheltenham beet	TP 60/1 of 1.4.2009
Beta vulgaris L.	Spinach beet or Chard	TP 106/2 of 14.4.2021
Brassica oleracea L.	Kale group	TP 90/2 of 23.04.2025
Brassica oleracea L.	Cauliflower	TP 45/2 Rev. 3 of 11.4.2024
Brassica oleracea L.	Broccoli (sprouting type and calabrese type)	TP 151/2 Rev. 3 Corr. of 11.4.2024
Brassica oleracea L.	Brussels sprouts	TP 54/2 Rev. 2 of 11.4.2024
Brassica oleracea L.	Kohlrabi	TP 65/2 Rev. of 11.4.2024
Brassica oleracea L.	Savoy cabbage	TP 48/3 Rev. 3 of 11.4.2024
Brassica oleracea L.	Capitata (white cabbage and red cabbage)	TP 48/3 Rev. 3 of 11.4.2024
Brassica oleracea L.	Palm kale group	TP 90/2 of 23.4.2025
Brassica oleracea L.	Tronchuda group (Portuguese cabbage)	TP 90/2 of 23.4.2025
Brassica rapa L.	Chinese cabbage	TP 105/2 of 23.4.2025
Capsicum annuum L.	Chilli or Pepper	TP 76/3 of 31.3.2025
Cichorium endivia L.	Curled-leaved endive and Plain-leaved endive	TP 118/3 of 19.3.2014
Cichorium intybus L.	Industrial chicory	TP 172/2 Rev. of 28.1.2025
Cichorium intybus L.	Leaf chicory	TP 154/2 Rev. of 31.3.2023
Cichorium intybus L.	Witloof chicory	TP 173/2 of 21.3.2018

Citrullus lanatus (Thunb.) Matsum. & Nakai	Watermelon	TP 142/2 Rev. 3 of 29.2.2024
Cucumis melo L.	Melon	TP 104/2 Rev. 3 of 31.3.2025
Cucumis sativus L.	Cucumber and Gherkin	TP 61/2 Rev. 3 of 3.1.2025
Cucurbita maxima Duchesne	Gourd	TP 155/1 of 11.3.2015
Cucurbita pepo L.	Marrow or Courgette	TP 119/1 Rev. 2 of 31.3.2025
Cynara cardunculus L.	Globe artichoke and Cardoon	TP 184/2 Rev. of 6.3.2020
Daucus carota L.	Carrot and Fodder carrot	TP 49/3 Corr. of 13.3.2008
Foeniculum vulgare Mill.	Fennel	TP 183/2 of 14.4.2021
Lactuca sativa L.	Lettuce	TP 13/6 Rev. 5 of 3.1.2025
Solanum lycopersicum L.	Tomato	TP 44/5 of 23.4.2025
Petroselinum crispum (Mill.) Nyman ex A.W. Hill	Parsley	TP 136/1 Corr. of 21.3.2007
Phaseolus coccineus L.	Runner bean	TP 9/1 of 21.3.2007
Phaseolus vulgaris L.	Dwarf French bean and Climbing French bean	TP 12/4 of 27.2.2013
Pisum sativum L. (partim)	Wrinkled pea, Round pea and Sugar pea	TP 7/2 Rev. 3 Corr. of 6.3.2020
Raphanus sativus L.	Radish and Black radish	TP 64/2 Rev. 2 of 29.2.2024
Rheum rhabarbarum L.	Rhubarb	TP 62/1 of 19.4.2016
Scorzonera hispanica L.	Scorzonera or Black salsify	TP 116/1 of 11.3.2015
Solanum melongena L.	Aubergine or Egg plant	TP 117/1 of 13.3.2008
Spinacia oleracea L.	Spinach	TP 55/5 Rev. 5 of 23.4.2025
Valerianella locusta (L.) Laterr.	Corn salad or Lamb's lettuce	TP 75/2 Rev. of 29.2.2024
Vicia faba L. (partim)	Broad bean	TP 206/1 of 25.3.2004

Zea mays L. (partim)	Sweet corn and Pop corn	TP 2/3 of 11.3.2010
Solanum habrochaites S. Knapp & D.M. Spooner*;* *Solanum lycopersicum* L. *x Solanum habrochaites* S. Knapp & D.M. Spooner; *Solanum lycopersicum* L. *x Solanum peruvianum* (L.) Mill.*;* *Solanum lycopersicum* L. *x Solanum cheesmaniae* (L. Ridley) Fosberg; *Solanum pimpinellifolium* L. *x Solanum habrochaites* S. Knapp & D.M. Spooner	Tomato rootstocks	TP 294/1 Rev. 6 of 29.2.2024
Cucurbita maxima Duchesne *x Cucurbita moschata* Duchesne	Interspecific hybrids of *Cucurbita maxima* Duchesne x *Cucurbita moschata* Duchesne for use as rootstocks	TP 311/1 of 15.3.2017

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Substitutes Schedule II to the principal regulations.

4. Schedule II to the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new Schedule:

"**SCHEDULE II**
(Regulation 3(2)(a)(ii))
UPOV guidelines

The following tables list the genera and species for which UPOV guidelines shall apply. These technical protocols can be found on the UPOV website*

1. Agricultural Plants

A. Fodder Plants

*Vide https://www.upov.int/en/find-and-explore/information-and-guidance/examination-guidance/test-guidelines/current-test-guidelines

Table 2.1:

Scientific name	Common name	UPOV guideline
Poaceae (Gramineae)		
Agrostis canina L.	Velvet bent	TG/30/6 of 12.10.1990
Agrostis capillaris L.	Brown top	TG/30/6 of 12.10.1990
Agrostis gigantea Roth	Red top	TG/30/6 of 12.10.1990
Agrostis stolonifera L.	Creeping bent grass	TG/30/6 of 12.10.1990
Fabaceae (Leguminosae)		
Medicago doliata Carmign.	Straight-spined medic	TG/228/1 of 5.4.2006
Medicago italica (Mill.) Fiori	Disc medic	TG/228/1 of 5.4.2006
Medicago littoralis Rohde ex Loisel.	Shore medic/Strand medic	TG/228/1 of 5.4.2006
Medicago murex Willd.	Sphere medic	TG/228/1 of 5.4.2006
Medicago polymorpha L.	Bur medic	TG/228/1 of 5.4.2006
Medicago rugosa Desr.	Wrinkled medic/Gama medic	TG/228/1 of 5.4.2006
Medicago scutellata (L.) Mill.	Snail medic/Shield medic	TG/228/1 of 5.4.2006
Medicago truncatula Gaertn.	Barrel medic	TG/228/1 of 5.4.2006
Trifolium subterraneum L.	Subterranean clover	TG/170/3 of 4.4.2001

2. Vegetables

Table 2.2:

Scientific name	Common name	UPOV guideline
Brassica rapa L.	Turnip	TG/37/11 of 23.9.2022

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