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Transposition of Directive 2019/1895/EU

This notice announces the administrative implementation in the UK of Commission Directive 2019/1895/EU from 31 May 2020. This Directive amends Directive 2003/90/EC and 2003/91/EC which concern the minimum characteristics to be measured and the minimum conditions for examining certain varieties of agricultural and vegetable species for Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability (DUS).

2003/90 implemented EC Directive 2002/53/EC on The Common Catalogue of Agricultural Plant Varieties.

2003/91/EC implemented EC Directive 2002/55/EC on Marketing of Vegetable Seed.

In summary these Directives set out the requirements for testing the Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability (DUS) of certain agricultural species. Test procedures for testing certain species must comply with the conditions laid down in Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO) protocols, and for certain other species, with the test guidelines of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV). The species covered are listed in the Directive.

The Transposition of this Directive was announced on the GOV.UK website at <https://www.gov.uk/dus-protocols-for-testing-plant-varieties>.

CPVO protocols can be found at <http://cpvo.europa.eu/en/applications-and-examinations/technical-examinations/technical-protocols>.

UPOV guidelines can be found at http://www.upov.int/test_guidelines/en/list.jsp.

UK protocols for establishing DUS for species covered by this Directive comply with CPVO or UPOV guidelines.

UK Protocols can be found on the GOV.UK website at <https://www.gov.uk/dus-protocols-for-testing-plant-varieties#dus-protocols>.

Annexes 1, 2, 3 and 4 show the links for this notice from the GOV.UK website and to the Technical Protocols and Test Guidelines on the CPVO, UPOV and GOV.UK websites.

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Announcement of Transposition

The EU does not accept UK distinctiveness, uniformity and stability (DUS) protocols.

The UK will accept EU DUS reports during the transition period for the agricultural, amenity and vegetable species tested by any of the following organisations so long as the testing started before 31 January 2020:

- AFBI (Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute)
- NIAB (National Institute of Agricultural Botany)
- SASA (Science and Advice for Scottish Agriculture)

For other species, the UK will continue to accept EU DUS provided it is of comparable quality to UK testing.

[Get plant breeders' rights for your new variety](#)

[Farm Saved Seed](#)

[Seed sampling: instructions](#)

[National List: application to add a plant variety](#)

Collection

[Guides and forms for plant varieties and seeds applications](#)

EU Directive

EU Commission Directive 2019/1985/EU was implemented in the UK on 29 May 2020. This specifies the minimum characteristics to be measured and conditions for examining certain varieties of agricultural and vegetable species for DUS.

See the [notice announcing the implementation](#) (PDF, 229KB, 5 pages).

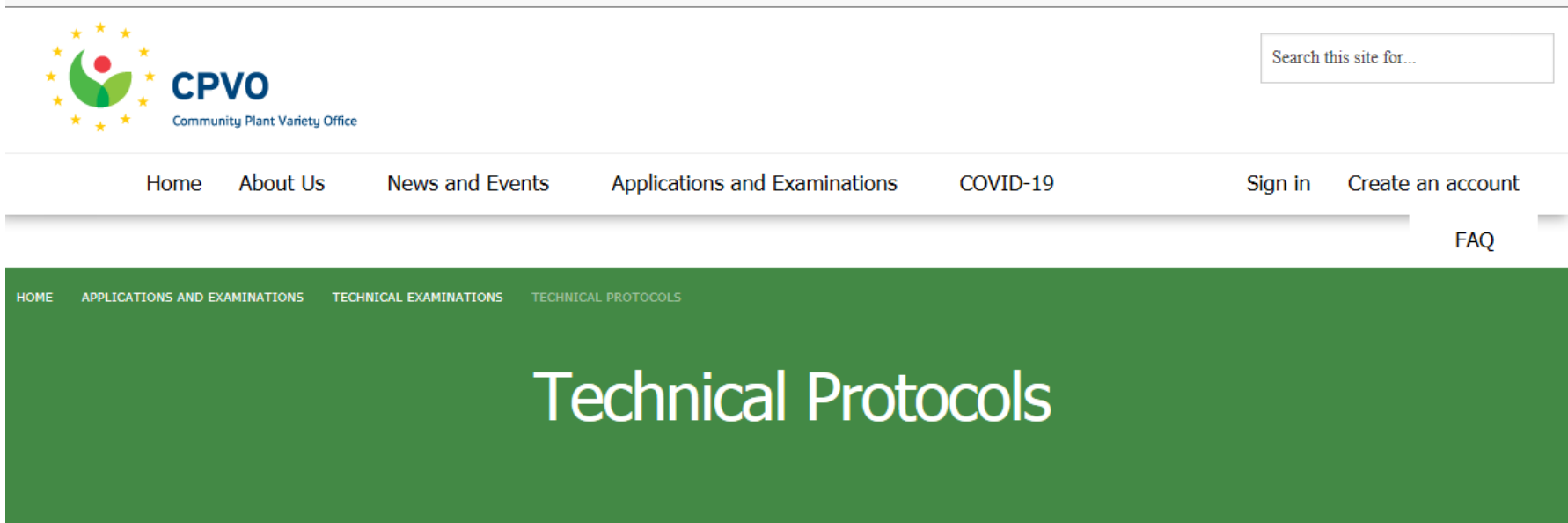
DUS tests

As part of the application process to add a plant variety to the National List or for approval of plant breeders' rights, the plant variety must be tested to ensure it is distinct, sufficiently uniform and stable (DUS).

DUS tests are carried out at approved centres over a 2-year period. They

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CPVO DUS Protocols



The screenshot shows the top section of the CPVO website. On the left is the CPVO logo, which consists of a green stylized plant with a red dot in the center, surrounded by yellow stars, with the text "CPVO Community Plant Variety Office" below it. To the right of the logo is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search this site for...". Below the logo and search bar is a horizontal navigation menu with the following items: "Home", "About Us", "News and Events", "Applications and Examinations", "COVID-19", "Sign in", and "Create an account". Below this menu is a dark green banner with the text "HOME APPLICATIONS AND EXAMINATIONS TECHNICAL EXAMINATIONS TECHNICAL PROTOCOLS" in white, where "TECHNICAL PROTOCOLS" is highlighted. Below the banner is a large white heading "Technical Protocols".

In accordance with article 56(2) of Council Regulation (EC) 21 00/94, technical examinations which are initiated by the Community Plant Variety Office, or technical examinations for which the CPVO envisages to take over the results, must be performed in accordance with the CPVO test protocols which have been adopted by the Administrative Council.

In accordance with article 22(3) of implementing rules 874/2009, in the absence of a decision of the Administrative Council, or a provisional decision of the President of the Office, as to test guidelines established by the Office, the guidelines per genera and species of the UPOV shall apply.

In the absence of such guidelines, national guidelines developed by a competent authority in charge

UPOV Test Guidelines

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CODE	ENGLISH	FRANÇAIS	DEUTSCH	ESPAÑOL	LATIN	FILES	DATE OF ADOPTION	DATE OF PUBLICATION
002	Maize	Maïs	Mais	Maíz	Zea mays L.	DE EN ES FR DE EN ES FR	01.04.2009	
003	Wheat	Blé	Weizen	Trigo	Triticum aestivum L. emend. Fiori et Paol.	DE EN ES FR DE EN ES FR	05.04.2017	27.10.2017
004	Ryegrass	Ray-grass	Weidelgras	Raygrás	Lolium perenne L.; Lolium multiflorum Lam. ssp. italicum (A. Br.) Volkart; Lolium multiflorum Lam. var. westerwoldicum Wittm; Lolium boucheanum Kunth; Lolium rigidum Gaudin.	DE EN ES FR DE EN ES FR	05.04.2006	
005	Red Clover	Trèfle violet	Rotklee	Trébol rojo	Trifolium pratense L.	DE EN ES FR DE EN ES FR	04.04.2001	
006	Lucerne	Luzerne	Luzerne	Alfalfa	Medicago sativa L., Medicago X varia Martyn	DE EN ES FR DE EN ES FR	06.04.2005	
007	Pea	Pois	Erbse	Guisante	Pisum sativum L. sensu lato	DE EN ES FR DE EN ES FR	29.10.2019	28.02.2020
008	Field Bean, Tick Bean	Fève à cheval, Féverole	Pferdebohne; Ackerbohne	Haba cabalar; Haba, Haboncillo	Vicia faba L. var. equina St.-Amans, Vicia faba subsp. equina (Pers.) Schübl. & G. Martens, Vicia faba var. minnr Petern	DE EN ES FR DE EN ES FR	20.09.2018	13.12.2018

United Kingdom DUS Protocols

DUS protocols

- [Barley](#) (PDF, 238KB, 23 pages)
- [Broad bean](#) (PDF, 240KB, 22 pages)
- [Beetroot](#) (PDF, 275KB, 22 pages)
- [Broccoli](#) (PDF, 233KB, 21 pages)
- [Brussels sprout](#) (PDF, 252KB, 22 pages)
- [Cabbage](#) (PDF, 270KB, 24 pages)
- [Carrot](#) (PDF, 253KB, 23 pages)
- [Celery](#) (PDF, 230KB, 19 pages)
- [Festulolium](#) (PDF, 170KB, 19 pages)
- [Field beans](#) (PDF, 213KB, 18 pages)
- [Field pea and pea](#) (PDF, 335KB, 24 pages)
- [Fodder kale](#) (PDF, 223KB, 21 pages)
- [Curly kale](#) (PDF, 219KB, 21 pages)
- [Leek](#) (PDF, 280KB, 21 pages)
- [Oats](#) (PDF, 411KB, 18 pages)
- [Onion and echalion](#) (PDF, 273KB, 27 pages)
- [Parsnip](#) (PDF, 251KB, 23 pages)
- [Potato](#) (PDF, 1.04MB, 29 pages)
- [Radish and black radish](#) (PDF, 235KB, 22 pages)
- [Oilseed rape and fodder rape](#) (PDF, 402KB, 26 pages)
- [Rose](#) (PDF, 255KB, 32 pages)
- [Runner bean](#) (PDF, 227KB, 21 pages)
- [Ryegrass - hybrid](#) (PDF, 244KB, 22 pages)
- [Ryegrass - Italian](#) (PDF, 246KB, 22 pages)
- [Ryegrass - perennial](#) (PDF, 111KB, 22 pages)

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