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).


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.


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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The Animal and Plant Health Agency is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs working to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.
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.

EU Directive

EU Commission Directive 2019/1885/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...
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 of plant variety registration in the Member State in which the examination is to be carried out shall apply.
### UPOV Test Guidelines

#### List all Test Guidelines by TG Reference

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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)
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- 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)
- Sugar beet - conventional (PDF, 114KB, 22 pages)

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