PUBLIC NOTICE

Sub:- Supersession of Public Notice posted in website on 24th August, 2018, - Revised public notice issued under Section 14, Section 18(2) and Section 19 read with Rule 29 of PPV&FR Rules, 2003 for considering round the year submission of applications along with seed/planting materials and their eligibility to qualify for DUS testing during the calendar year.

In supersession of the public notice posted in the Authority's website on 24th August, 2018, it is hereby notified to all the concerned that with effect from 15th October, 2018 applications for registration of plant varieties under Section 14 of PPV&FR Act, 2001 along with seeds shall be received throughout the year and examined as per schedule for allocation of REG number accordingly. However, the DUS testing of the candidate varieties shall be taken up during the year of application only if the applications along with seed are submitted to H/O (New Delhi)/branch office of the Registry as per their territorial limits, within the allocated period to be eligible for DUS testing in the respective season relevant to the suitability of the assigned DUS centres for the respective crop species, as per the schedule below. Seeds submitted during a calendar year but after the date fixed for receipt of the seeds to be included in that year's DUS trials shall be included in the DUS trials only in the next year's ensuing crop season and in such case the applicant shall be solely and fully responsible for retention of the quality, viability and genotypic constitution of the variety which shall be stored at standard storage conditions at the Gene Bank of the Authority. In the case of planting materials, the application shall be received and REG number allocated only after the material is received at the respective notified crop-specific DUS centre not earlier than one week from the time of planting. The time-schedule for receipt of applications with seeds to be eligible for inclusion in the same year's DUS testing is as follows:-

Season	Date range for receipt of applications along with seeds to be eligible for inclusion of the candidate variety for DUS trials during the year***
Kharif Crops	1 March to 15 April
Rabi crops	st th 1 August to 15 September
Summer/Spring	1 November to 15 December

^{***} Applications received with seeds after these time slots shall be honoured for the date of filing as on date of acceptance by the Registrar, but shall be deferred for planting in the next year in the respective season of the crop species.

In the case of seed propagated crops, as per Sections 18 & 19, applications without seed shall not be considered as complete and shall be returned.

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Registrar-General