# Procedure in Viet Nam for becoming a UPOV member

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# **OUTLINE OF THE PRESENTATION**

> BUILDING THE NATION PVP SYSTEM
 > PREPARATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE
 > CHALLENGE IN THE PROCESS

# How to become UPOV Member (UPOV/INF/13/1)

- Development of a law in conformity with the 1991 Act of the UPOV Convention
- > Advice of the Council
- Implementation of the Convention
- Deposit of the instrument of accession
- Notification of the representative and alternate to the Council
- Entry into force of the UPOV Convention
- Finances

#### Drafting of Legal document

- ✓ 1999, Vietnam decided to establish PVP system.
- 2000, MARD started to draft Legislation on PVP by Decree No13.
- Designating the Organization system 2002
  - National Center for Variety Evaluation and Seed Certification (NCVESC) is designated for conducting DUS Testing
  - PVPO is established by Decision

- Issuing the List of protected species (5 species) with major crops
  - Rice, Corn, Soybean, Peanut, Tomato
  - Design the format of Application and Technical Questionnaire ... for receiving PVP application
- No any applications during 2002-2004 because:
  - There were some misunderstand of the Decree No13
  - Legislation document is not enough for implementation
  - Technical system is still weak

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- Collecting the existing
  varieties of 5 crops in
  the List for description
  table
- Translation UPOV's TG of interesting species
- Upgrading the Decree
  into higher level by Seed
  Ordinance PVP is in
  Chapter 4 of the Decree



#### Collection of existing varieties









- > 2003, Government considered to joint UPOV
  > MARD is responsible:
  - Making the Report on Impact of PVP to agriculture production and benefit as obligation of becoming UPOV Member
  - Send to the other Ministries for comment (around 10 Ministries – MPI, MOF, MOST, MOFA…)
  - Send Seed Ordinance to UPOV for examination
- Report to the Government and Parliament with attached all comments from other Ministries and UPOV

#### Content of the Report

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- Benefit of PVP system and the need to join UPOV
- Obligation of Vietnam when become UPOV's Member
- In order to be Member of UPOV, what matter
  Vietnam need to solve
- Explain detailed plan of MARD after joining UPOV.

- Comment from other Ministries is positive:
  They support to joint UPOV but they ask many question need to explain
- MARD had to send the Explanation Report
- Examination Result from UPOV: PVP Chapter in Seed Ordinance was not comply with UPOV Convention

- Government decided to Draft IP Law: MARD is responsible for PVP Part by cooperation with MOST
- IP Law started in January 2005 and it is approved by National Parliament on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2005
- This time is shortest compare to the time of drafting any other Law in Vietnam.

- > April 2006 we attended the Council Meeting of UPOV for protection of the Law
- > October 2006 we deposit instrument of accession to UPOV:
  - IP Law; List of protected species (15 species)
  - Name of representative and alternate in Council
  - Declaration for the contribution unit of finance to UPOV
- > 24<sup>th</sup> December 2006 Vietnam became 63<sup>rd</sup> Member of UPOV



- Opinions of not support
- Real understanding the meaning of 1991 act of UPOV Convention – put to Nation legislation
- > Other issues:
  - ✓ Finance
  - ✓ Technical system

#### Opinion for not support

- Big old Breeders (Leader of Public Institutes):
  - They used to be Breeder of many varieties – No royalty
- Nation Breeding Sector will
  be weak when new good
  varieties from oversea
  coming.
- There is other PVP system in the world – VN need refer

#### Protest Argument

This is Government Varieties – Breeder's Right belong to Government. They receive subsidy from Gov. (house, other regime). Young generation have nothing Nation Breeding Sector will be strong when they faced the competition Almost advanced countries is Member of UPOV - Majority

Opinion for not support

- IP in general and PVP
  specific benefit for
  Advanced countries only
- Diversity of plant genetic
  is become poor
- Technical system can not meet the demand

#### **Protest Argument**

- When we receive new  $\geq$ techniques and new good varieties, we can learn from them PVP and PGR are parallel exist and mutual support – **Biodiversity become rich** The International Cooperation is important for this issue – Join
  - UPOV for this purpose

For real understanding on the UPOV Convention

- Invite the expert from UPOV to come Vietnam to explain in the workshop for relevant persons.
- Study-tour to PVP system of UPOV Member countries which successful
- Translated the Act 1991 of UPOV Convention then discuss with Lawyer to clarify the meaning
- To transfer the meaning of Convention to Nation Law (IP Law) – Vietnamese words but meaning is not change



#### The Netherlands





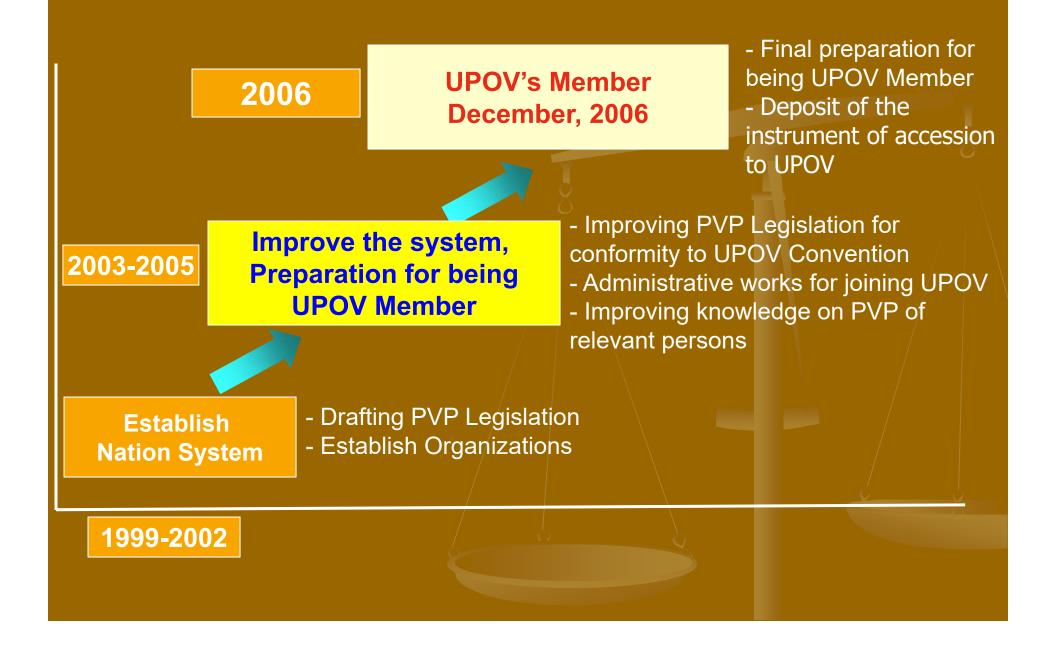
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#### Finance issue

- An effective PVP system to bring benefit to social by introduce new good varieties – uncountable by money
- Nation PVP system is only effective when it is in the cope of International level – Join UPOV
- > Technical System
  - No any countries in the world have enough the capacity for a technical system to implement for all species
  - Joining UPOV is best way for the cooperation in examination so VN can protect all species.

#### PROCEDURE FOR UPOV MEMBER OF VIETNAM



# Thank you for your attention

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