



Country Report on the Progress of PVP System in the PHILIPPINES

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Recent changes in Philippine PVP system

General description

The Philippines requested for the examination of the 'Philippine Plant Variety Protection Act of 2002' on 02 November 2006 for conformity with the UPOV 1991 Act.

Details of changes in some different areas

► Legal area

No further action taken by the Government of the Philippines with regards to the findings of the UPOV Convention.

► Technical area

- Additional Technical Guidelines
- Revised TG in accordance with UPOV's TG
- Buying of DUS results



➤ **Organizational area**

The Plant Variety Protection Office (PVPO) is under the Bureau of Plant Industry, a staff bureau of the Department of Agriculture.

The PVPO is headed by a Registrar and should be appointed by the President of the Philippines.



Backgrounds of the changes

➤ Legal area

Not in the Legislators priority agenda

➤ Technical area

- Increase in the number of applications from local and foreign
- Possible buying of DUS results for applications difficult to grow under Philippine conditions

➤ Organizational area

- No appointed or permanent Registrar to head the PVPO.
- The Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry acts as the Acting Registrar



Obstacles, challenges and any other matters of concern

➤ Political issue

- Breeders should appeal to a Legislator for possible amendment of the existing Philippine Plant Variety Protection Act.

➤ Legal issue

- PVP Law supports “Farmers Rights”

➤ Technical issue

- Drafting of Technical Guidelines

➤ Public awareness

- Lack of manpower to perform and initiate