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The Importance of Plant Variety Protection for SMEs, Job Creation and Trade Opportunities for Cambodia

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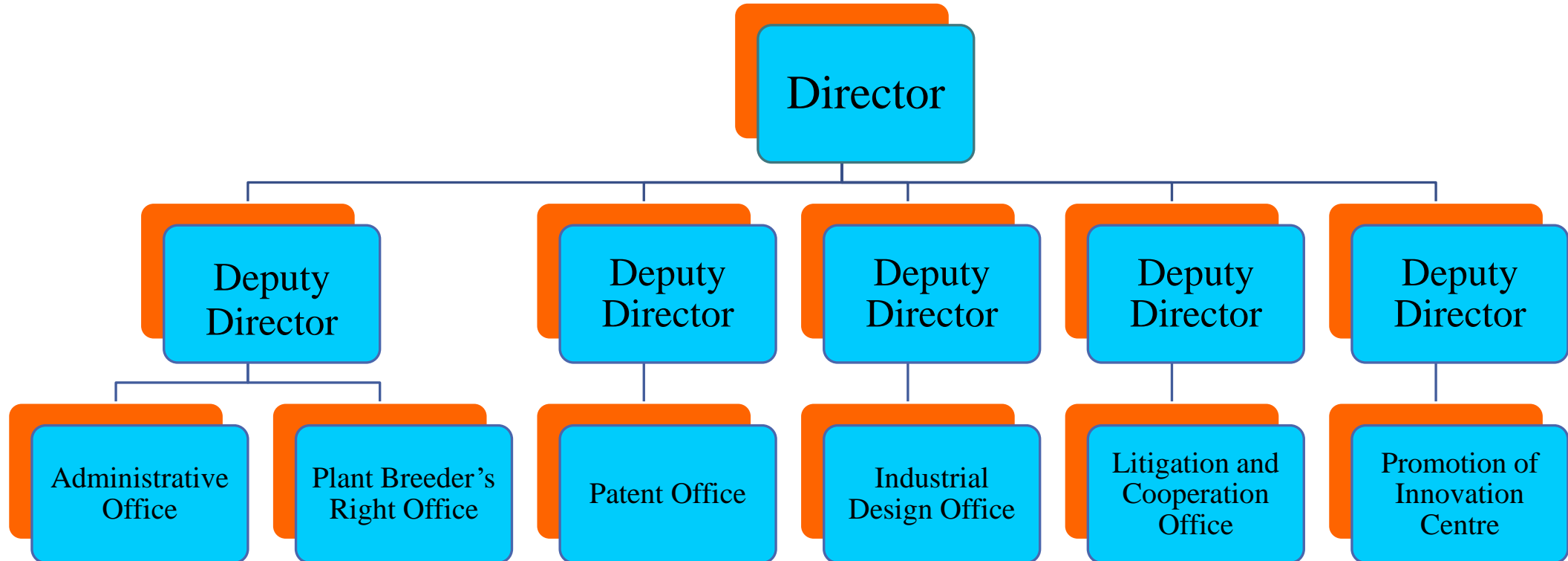
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Where I am from ?



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What is inside the Law ?

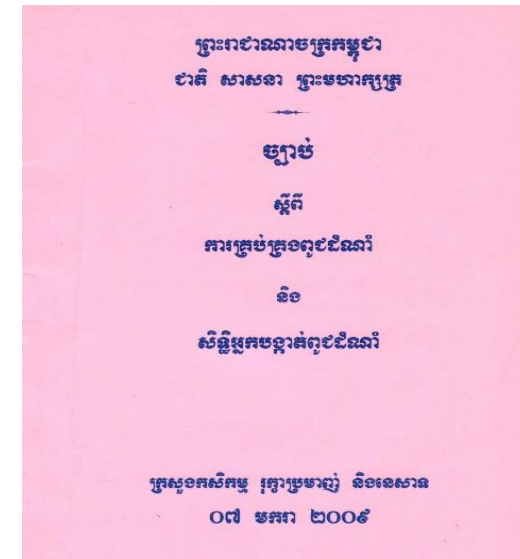


Law on Seed Management & Plant Breeder's Right

The Law on Seed Management and Plant Breeder's Right in Cambodia was promulgated on May 13, 2008.

The law has:

- 3 chapters (chapter 1, chapter 2 and chapter 7)
- 10 Sections (Section 1 to Section 10)
- 38 Articles (Article 1 to Article 38) and
- Chapter 7 (Section 1 from Article 69 to Article 73)





Objective of this Law

- to **encourage the development** of new varieties of plants, for the benefit of society”
- to provide **incentive** and sustainable development of seed for the benefit of society, the economy, and the environment.
- to stimulate and promote **internal and external commerce**.
- to protect Plant Breeder’s Rights and to **combat the infringement** thereof, as well as **illegal business practices**.



Right from Plant Variety Protection

- Any production or reproduction, conditioning for propagating purpose
- Offering for sale, selling or marketing
- Exporting
- Importing
- Stocking for any of the above purposes

Shall require the authorization from the breeders.



Duration of Protection

Trees and Vines

25 years

Other Plants

20 years

To be counted from the **date of grant**

What's More?



Benefits of Plant Variety Protection

- **Entering the breeding sector:** “breeder’s exception” allows breeders to use protected varieties for further breeding, thus reducing the “barriers to entry” for SMEs wishing to enter the plant breeding business.
- **A simple and harmonized application systems:** PVP applications is very similar in all UPOV members. SMEs can make file their applications to PVP Offices of participating UPOV member countries
- **Cost efficient system of variety examination:** A high degree of harmonization in the examination of PVP applications.



Benefits of Plant Variety Protection (cont)

- **Licensing opportunities:** plant breeders can develop a licensing strategy for the production and marketing of their varieties, domestically and around the world.
- **Partnerships:** Plant breeders can develop partnerships to achieve common objectives.
- **Increased Agricultural Productivity:** By encouraging the development of new and improved plant varieties, PVP can lead to higher yields and better quality crops. This can increase the demand for agricultural labor to manage larger and more productive farms.



Benefits of Plant Variety Protection (cont)

- **Investment in Research and Development:** PVP provides legal protection for breeders, which incentivizes investment in plant breeding and agricultural research. This can create jobs in research institutions, laboratories, and universities.
- **Expansion of Seed and Plant Breeding Industries:** With plant variety protection, companies are more likely to invest in the seed and plant breeding industries. This can lead to the establishment of new businesses and the expansion of existing ones, creating jobs in production, marketing, and distribution.



Benefits of Plant Variety Protection (cont)

- **Enhanced Market Access:** New plant varieties can open up access to global markets, increasing trade opportunities. This can create jobs in export and import businesses, as well as in logistics and supply chain management.
- **Support for Smallholder Farmers:** Improved plant varieties can increase the income of smallholder farmers by providing them with better crops. This can lead to more employment opportunities in rural areas, as farmers may need additional labor to manage their farms.



Benefits of Plant Variety Protection (cont)

- **Trade Opportunity:** An effective plant variety protection system can provide important benefits in an international context by removing barriers to trade in varieties, thereby increasing domestic and international market scope.

Challenges



Challenges

There are several challenges:

- **Legal Framework:** Developing a robust legal framework for PVP and ensuring its effective enforcement is crucial for realizing its benefits.
- **Awareness and Training:** Educating local SMEs and stakeholders about PVP and its advantages is important for encouraging participation and maximizing its impact.
- **Infrastructure and Support:** Building the necessary infrastructure and support systems for research, development, and commercialization of new plant varieties is essential for the effective use of PVP.



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