CIOPORA Video Release: Understand Essentially Derived Variety Concept in 90 Seconds

Hamburg, October 16 – CIOPORA has released a short explanatory video on the Essentially Derived Variety (EDV) concept. With the 90-second video, CIOPORA, who is co-leading the green industry effort on clarifying the EDV concept at the UPOV level, aims at providing a condensed and clear-cut explanation for the complex legal concept to all players of the horticultural value chain.

“The EDV concept is one of the cornerstones of the UPOV system and one of CIOPORA’s immediate advocacy goals is to clarify the concept in UPOV,” - says CIOPORA Secretary General Dr Edgar Krieger. “With the newly released video, we would like to break the barrier of the legal complexity and explain to the green sector at large why everyone involved in horticulture should be informed about and concerned with the issue of EDV.”

On October 30, 2019, at its 76th meeting, the UPOV Administrative and Legal Committee (CAJ) voted to open the UPOV Explanatory Notes (ExN) on Essentially Derived Varieties (EDV) for revision. The move, highly anticipated by the breeding sector, came months after an alliance of breeder organizations, including CIOPORA, CropLife, ISF, Euroseeds, APSA, AFSTA, and SAA, had raised concerns about the narrow EDV concept interpretation in the UPOV ExN. In alliance’s view, the narrow EDV interpretation may “… greatly endanger the breeding incentive and could possibly lead to a diminution of (...) breeding effort…”. The main goal of the advocacy effort is to achieve a sufficiently broad EDV concept at the UPOV level that will provide clear and unambiguous rules for the establishment of dependency between an EDV and its Initial Variety. The revised UPOV ExN on EDV should affirm EDV’s predominant derivation from its initial variety and that important modifications in the characteristics of an initial variety do not exempt a new variety from its EDV status.

The video “Understanding Essentially Derived Varieties” is available for sharing and embedding from CIOPORA’s Vimeo, Youtube and its social media channels.

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CIOPORA Video “Understanding Essentially Derived Varieties” Links:

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CIOPORA is the International Association of Breeders of Asexually Reproduced Horticultural Varieties. Breeders of such varieties account for two-thirds of all Plant Variety Rights (PVR) titles in the world. For more than 50 years, CIOPORA has represented these breeders in all matters of Intellectual Property (IP) protection and aims to foster an environment in which the innovation of these breeders can flourish. CIOPORA is a member-based, non-profit organization.

The CIOPORA Academy is a specialized international education program on IP for plants tailored to the needs of the green sector. The formats include small-group workshops and live webinars. Our learner community consists of plant breeders and other participants of the green value chain, as well as IP lawyers and patent attorneys. With its unique workshop and webinar programs that have been frequented by hundreds of professionals from over 25 countries so far, the CIOPORA Academy aspires to be a global reference program on IP for the green business.

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