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**Council for Trade-Related Aspects of
Intellectual Property Rights**

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**NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS
UNDER ARTICLE 63.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT**

IRELAND: PLANT VARIETIES (FARM SAVED SEED) REGULATIONS, 2000
(S.I. NO. 493/2000)

Notifying Member	IRELAND
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Details of the notified legal text

Title	Plant Varieties (Farm Saved Seed) Regulations, 2000 (S.I. No. 493/2000)
Subject matter	Patents (including plant variety protection)
Nature of notification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
Link to legal text*	https://ip-documents.info/2023/IP/IRL/23_09591_00_e.pdf
Notification status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First notification <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
Previous notification(s) referred to	Not applicable
Brief description of the notified legal text	
<p>The purpose of this Regulation is to enable breeders of plant varieties to collect royalties on the varieties they have bred and developed and which are used for farm saved seed. Until now, there has been no provision for the collection of royalty payments on farm saved seed.</p> <p>Under this Regulation, farmers retaining a portion of their harvest for re-sowing may be required to pay the holder of a Plant Breeders' Right a royalty fee.</p> <p>Small farmers (as described in Council Regulation (EC) 2100/94 concerning Community Plant Variety Rights) are exempt from the payment of royalties.</p> <p>The plant species covered by these Regulations are Cereals, Fodder plants, Oil and Fibre plants (excluding Flax) and Potatoes.</p>	
Language(s) of notified legal text	English
Entry into force	15 December 2000
Other date	Adoption: 15 December 2000

Notification details

Submission date of notification	17 April 2023
Other information	IP/N/1/EEC/P/3 (Council Regulation (EC) 2100/94 concerning Community Plant Variety Rights)
Agency or authority responsible	Intellectual Property Unit Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment trademarks@enterprise.gov.ie

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