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Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights

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

MYANMAR: NEW PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION LAW (LAW NO.15/2016 OF JANUARY 20, 2016)

Notifying Member	Myanmar
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Details of the notified legal text

Title	New Plant Variety Protection Law (Law No.15/2016 of January 20, 2016)
Subject matter	Patents (including plant variety protection)
Nature of notification	[X] Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation [] Other law or regulation
Link to legal text*	https://ip-documents.info/2020/IP/MMR/20 5783 00 e.pdf https://ip-documents.info/2020/IP/MMR/20 5783 00 x.pdf
Notification status	[X] First notification[] Amendment or revision to notified legal text[] Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
Previous notification(s) referred to	Not applicable

Brief description of the notified legal text

The New Plant Variety Protection Law was enacted by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw with the Law No.15/2016 dated 20 January 2016.

The objectives of this Law in line with 1991 UPOV Convention are:

- (a) to protect of the rights of breeders of new plant varieties
- (b) to develop the activities of plant breeding
- (c) to encourage investments in and development of the breeding of new plant varieties in both public and private sectors
- (d) to assist the agricultural sector development by producing and cultivation of the new improved varieties

The Law grants the plant breeder right to:

- (1) National plant breeders;
- (2) Plant breeders that are foreigners permanently residing in Myanmar and their organizations;

(3) All organizations and individuals of new plant breeding from trading partners that have entered into an agreement with Myanmar on the protection of a new plant variety

Language(s) of notified legal text

Entry into force 20 January 2017

Other date

Notification details

Submission date of notification	25 September 2020
Other information	
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