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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

UKRAINE: THE LAW OF UKRAINE NO 2763-IX "ON AMENDING CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE ACTS OF UKRAINE TO HARMONIZE LEGISLATION IN THE SPHERE OF PLANT VARIETY RIGHTS PROTECTION AND SEED AND SEEDLING PRODUCTION WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION LEGISLATION"

<b>Notifying Member</b>	UKRAINE

#### Details of the notified legal text

Title	The Law of Ukraine No 2763-IX "On Amending Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine to Harmonize Legislation in the Sphere of Plant Variety Rights Protection and Seed and Seedling Production with the Provisions of the European Union Legislation"
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/2023/IP/UKR/23 09492 00 e.pdf https://ip-documents.info/2023/IP/UKR/23 09492 00 x.pdf
Notification status	<ul><li>[ ] First notification</li><li>[X] Amendment or revision to notified legal text</li><li>[ ] Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)</li></ul>
Previous notification(s) referred to	IP/N/1/UKR/1 Law of Ukraine "On seeds and planting materials" Law of Ukraine "On protection of the rights to plant varieties" Civil Code of Ukraine

## Brief description of the notified legal text

#### The Law

- introduces electronic services for obtaining permits for the importation of seed samples for the purpose of their research;
- establishes criteria for authorizing certification bodies, in particular, the availability of their own accredited laboratory;
- allows seed production and seedling production entities that are direct producers to determine the sowing qualities of seeds, under the condition of obtaining the authorization of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine;
- simplifies the procedure for importation of seeds, planting material and varieties into the territory of Ukraine, which are registered in the register of plant varieties of Ukraine;

- cancels the mandatory submission of indicators of suitability for distribution for crops undergoing research in the application materials;
- introduces a procedure for consideration of a variety application and examination of the variety name within no more than 20 days;
- harmonizes the variety naming procedures with the International Convention on the Protection of New Varieties of Plants; and
- establishes clear deadlines for taking decisions on state registration of rights to a variety, entering the variety into registers and issuing titles of protection.

Language(s) of notified legal text	English, Ukrainian
Entry into force	10 June 2023
Other date	Adoption: 16 November 2022

## **Notification details**

Submission date of notification	3 May 2023
Other information	The Law is available at <a href="https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/2763-20#Text">https://zakon.rada.gov.ua/laws/show/2763-20#Text</a>
Agency or authority responsible	Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine

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