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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**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT

Notifying Member	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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Details of the notified legal text

Title	Plant Variety Protection Act
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/2020/IP/USA/20_5561_00_e.pdf
Notification status	<input type="checkbox"/> First notification <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
Previous notification(s) referred to	IP/N/1/USA/P/3
Brief description of the notified legal text	
The 2018 Farm Bill, Public Law No: 115-334, Sec. 10108, December 20, 2018, amended the U.S. Plant Variety Protection Act to add asexually propagated plants, previously not available under the act. Our regulations implementing the rule were also revised quite recently. The final rule was published on January 6, 2020.	
Language(s) of notified legal text	English
Entry into force	20 December 2018
Other date	

Notification details

Submission date of notification	18 August 2020
Other information	

Agency or authority responsible	U.S. Plant Variety Protection Office, U.S. Department of Agriculture
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