



# Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

## CHAPTER 14

### PLANT VARIETIES AND SEEDS ACT 1964

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**SCHEDULES**

**SCHEDULE 1 —**

- 1 (1) An applicant for the grant of plant breeders' rights...  
2 (1) While a protective direction is in force, anything which,...  
3 (1) The Controller may at any time, if in all...  
4 (1) If at any time the Controller is satisfied that...

**SCHEDULE 2 —**

**Part I — PRIORITIES BETWEEN APPLICANTS FOR RIGHTS**

- 1 (1) If the variety was independently bred or discovered by...  
2 (1) For the purposes of the foregoing paragraph an application...  
3 Regulations under section 9 of this Act may provide for...

**Part II — RULES FOR GRANT OF RIGHTS**

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*Distinctness*

- (1) The variety must be clearly distinguishable by one or...

*Previous commercialisation*

- (1) Subject to this Schedule, in the period before the...
- (1) Where an application in the form prescribed for the...

*Uniformity*

- The variety must be sufficiently uniform or homogeneous having regard...

*Stability*

- The variety must be stable in its essential characteristics, that...

SCHEDULE 3 —

*Sale of cut blooms, fruit, etc.*

- (1) If it appears to the Ministers that, in the...

*Use of reproductive material for production of certain other plant varieties*

- Plant breeders' rights shall include the exclusive right to do,...

SCHEDULE 4 —

*The Chairman*

- (1) The Lord Chancellor shall appoint a chairman for the...
- In the case of the temporary absence or inability to...
- In relation to proceedings before the Tribunal in Scotland—
- .....

*The two panels*

- (1) The Ministers shall draw up and from time to...

*Remuneration of members of Tribunal*

- The Ministers may pay to members of the Tribunal such...

*Officers and servants*

- (1) The Ministers may appoint such officers and servants of...

*Procedure*

- (1) The jurisdiction of the Tribunal shall be exercised by...
- (1) The Tribunal in exercising their statutory jurisdiction may order...

SCHEDULE 5 — . . .

SCHEDULE 6 — Repeals of Seeds Enactments

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#### SCHEDULE 7 — Cross-Pollination Injuring Protected Crops

- 1 An application under section 33 of this Act seeking the...
- 2 Before deciding whether to issue a notice in accordance with...
- 3 The Minister shall, if requested within such time as may...
- 4 In deciding whether to issue a notice in accordance with...

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 27(1) words substituted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 18](#)