

Plant Varieties Protection Bill

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Expenditure of Public Money

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An Act to provide for the protection of plant varieties.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Plant Varieties Protection Act 2004 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“applicant”, in relation to any application, means the person by whom or on whose behalf the application is made;

“application” means an application for a grant of protection;

“breeder”, in relation to any plant variety, means —

- (a) subject to paragraph (b), a person who bred, or discovered and developed, the plant variety;
- (b) if the plant variety was bred, or discovered and developed, by a person in the course of performing his duties or functions as an employee of another person, that other person; or
- (c) the successor in title to the person in paragraph (a) or (b), as the case may be;

“Convention” means the international agreement called the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants of 2nd December 1961, as revised or amended from time to time;

“Court” means the High Court;

“denomination” means the distinguishing name or identification for a plant variety;

“grant of protection” means a grant of protection made by the Registrar under section 21;