

Council Directive 2002/53/EC of 13 June 2002 on the
common catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species

Article 3

1 Each Member States shall establish one or more catalogues of the varieties officially accepted for certification and marketing in its territory. Any person may consult the catalogues.

2 In the case of varieties (inbred lines, hybrids) which are intended solely as components for final varieties, the provisions of paragraph 1 apply only to the extent that the seeds which belong to them are to be marketed under their names.

The conditions under which the provisions of paragraph 1 shall also apply to other component varieties may be determined in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 23(2). In the meantime, in the case of cereals other than maize, Member States may themselves apply those provisions to other component varieties in respect of seed intended for certification in their territories.

Component varieties shall be indicated as such.

3 Member States may provide that the acceptance of a variety for inclusion in the common catalogue or in the catalogue of another Member State is equivalent to acceptance for inclusion in their own catalogues. If such provision is made, the Member State shall be released from the obligations provided in Article 7, Article 9(4) and Article 10(2) to (5).