



# Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

## 1964 CHAPTER 14

An Act to provide for the granting of proprietary rights to persons who breed or discover plant varieties and for the issue of compulsory licences in respect thereof; to establish a tribunal to hear appeals and other proceedings relating to the rights, and to exclude certain agreements relating to the rights from Part I of the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1956; to confer power to regulate, and to amend in other respects the law relating to, transactions in seeds and seed potatoes, including provision for the testing of seeds and seed potatoes, the establishment of an index of names of varieties and the imposition of restrictions as respects the introduction of new varieties; to control the import of seeds and seed potatoes; to authorise measures to prevent injurious cross-pollination; and for connected purposes. [12th March 1964]

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Certain functions of Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food under this Act now exercisable (W.) by Secretary of State or Minister and Secretary of State jointly: [S.I. 1978/272](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch. 1](#)
- C2** Act amended (8.5.1998) by [1997 c. 66, s. 42](#), [Sch. 3 para. 1](#); [S.I. 1998/1028](#), [art. 2](#)
- C3** Act: transfer of certain functions (1.7.1999) by [S.I. 1999/672](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch. 1](#)
- C4** Act: transfer of functions, property, rights and liabilities (27.12.1999) by [S.I. 1999/3141](#), [arts. 2\(1\)\(5\), 4](#), [Sch.](#) (with [arts. 3, 5](#))

### Commencement Information

- I1** Act partly in force at Royal Assent see [s. 41\(2\)](#); Act wholly in force (so far as unrepealed) at 1. 7. 1979.

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 31/01/1997.

**Changes to legislation:**

Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 29 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.