



Plant Varieties Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 66

PART I

PLANT VARIETIES

Preliminary

1 Plant breeders' rights.

- (1) Rights, to be known as plant breeders' rights, may be granted in accordance with this Part of this Act.
- (2) Plant breeders' rights may subsist in varieties of all plant genera and species.
- (3) For the purposes of this Act, "variety" means a plant grouping within a single botanical taxon of the lowest known rank, which grouping, irrespective of whether the conditions for the grant of plant breeders' rights (which are laid down in section 4 below) are met, can be—
 - (a) defined by the expression of the characteristics resulting from a given genotype or combination of genotypes,
 - (b) distinguished from any other plant grouping by the expression of at least one of those characteristics, and
 - (c) considered as a unit with regard to its suitability for being propagated unchanged.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Plant Varieties Act 1997, Section 1.