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CPVO Vegetable Open Day

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Variety and Seeds, APHA, Eastbrook,
Cambridge

12th September 2017,

SASA, Edinburgh

APHA, an executive agency of Defra

- In January 2014, PVS became part of the Inspectorate at Fera
- Policy moved to core Defra
- In October 2014, the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) was created
- It merges the former Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA) with parts of the Food and Environment Research Agency (FERA) responsible for plant and bee health to create a single agency responsible for animal, plant and bee health

APHA (Animal and Plant Health Agency)

- We are responsible for identifying, managing and eradicating outbreaks of exotic animal, plant and bee diseases/pests, Variety and Seeds National Listing and seeds certification.

- This requires work in the areas of inspection, testing and diagnosis, epidemiology, surveillance, disease and pest containment and eradication, and post-outbreak recovery

- Websites can be found on GOV.UK. The webpages for Varieties and Seeds can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lists-of-agricultural-and-vegetable-crops

APHA (Animal and Plant Health Agency)

The Cambridge Office has been handling Plant Breeders Rights for the UK since 1966

From 1966 to 1973 there were

899 applications

From 1974 there were 23,000

Varieties and Seeds

Background

The services originate from EU legislation and international treaties:

- EU legislation for variety registration – National Listing
- UPOV Convention for plant variety rights
- EU legislation for certification of marketed seed

Supports government objectives for a world-leading food and farming industry, thriving rural economy and a cleaner, healthier environment

National Listing and Plant Variety Rights

National Listing

- National listing is on behalf of APHA, Scottish Government, Welsh Government and DAERA, Northern Ireland.
- National Listing is a condition for marketing seed
- Managed in the UK by the National Lists and Seeds Committee

- Since 2010 we have been Entrusted as an Examination Office by the CPVO with our TQB's SASA, NIAB and AFBI.

- I am here in my role as the TLO for the APHA Examination Office

SASA
(Scottish Government)
Head of SASA:
Prof Gerry Saddler
Scottish Government
PVSC member for Scotland:
Carol Scott
Deputy Head of SASA
John Kerr
PVSC
NLSC member for Scotland: Gerry Hall
DUS Test Centre for Potato and vegetables
Chairman: Tom Christie
Technical managers: Ray Moran, Andrew Walker, Lesley McCarthy, Heather Campbell
IDSG
Adrian Roberts
Statistician BIOSS
UPOV working parties
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CPVO
CPVO technical experts

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Brexit

- Status of EU Rights post March 2019
- Repeal Bill
- Obligations as a UPOV member which are currently met by CPVO

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