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*DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE FOR BOARD OF APPEAL MEMBERS*

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Alicante, 23 September 2025

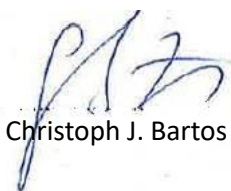
I, Christoph Jakob Bartos, born 24 January 1969, Calle Gerona 1A – 71ZQ, 03001 Alicante, Spain, hereby declare that I am not linked in any way to a private company or any person having professional activities involved in proceedings before the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO).

I commit to act independently, in the public interest, and to make an immediate declaration in respect of any interest, which might be considered prejudicial to my independence.

I undertake to treat in the strictest confidence and not make use of or divulge to third parties any information or documents which are linked to performance of my tasks as a member of the CPVO Board of Appeal. I understand that I am responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of any documents or electronic files received or prepared in this framework.

I am aware that I continue to be bound by this undertaking after the completion of my tasks as a member of the CPVO Board of Appeal.

I also declare that I am hereby informed that the present declaration will be kept on file by the secretariat of the Board of Appeal during the term of my appointment as a member of the CPVO Board of Appeal and of my right, in pursuance to Articles 11 and 12 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council, to access and rectify the present declaration by addressing a communication to [dpo@cpvo.europa.eu](mailto:dpo@cpvo.europa.eu) and the Board of Appeal Registrar, and to have recourse at any time to the European Data Protection Supervisor.



Christoph J. Bartos