



REVISION OF VARIETY DENOMINATIONS GUIDELINES AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

In October 2015 the Administrative Council agreed to establish a working group to discuss and prepare a revision of the current Explanatory Notes on Variety Denominations endorsed by the AC in November 2012 and to advise on the impact that the amendments would have on the Guidelines currently in force and on Commission Regulation (EC) No 637/2009 of 22 July 2009 establishing implementing rules as to the suitability of the denominations of varieties of agricultural plant species and vegetable species.

Since the beginning of its mandate, the Office has worked at the revision of the Guidelines and the Explanatory Notes and has met three times. The first meeting took place on 23 June 2016 in Paris. The second meeting took place on 5 October 2016 in Angers and the last one took place on 14 June 2017 in Paris.

Fruitful discussions took place over the said three meetings and the Office could explain the applied methodology and share with the participants its experience when providing advice to national authorities on the suitability of variety denominations.

The working group is in the process of reaching a final conclusion on the new version of the Guidelines with Explanatory Notes that are expected to be presented to the AC in the spring meeting of 2018.

The below new UPOV class 213 was introduced at the end of last year.

	<u>Botanical names</u>	<u>UPOV codes</u>
Class 213	Eupatorium L.	EUPAT
	Acanthostyles R. M. King & H. Rob.	-
	Ageratina Spach	AGERT
	Asplundianthus R. M. King & H. Rob.	-
	Bartlettina R. M. King & H. Rob.	-
	Campuloclinium DC.	-
	Chromolaena DC.	-
	Conoclinium DC.	-
	Cronquistianthus R. M. King & H. Rob.	-
	Eutrochium Raf.	EUTRO
	Fleischmannia Sch. Bip.	-
	Praxelis Cass.	-
	Viereckia R. M. King & H. Rob.	-

Following the above change the CPVO has updated the species and classes list in the Variety Finder database with the information from the UPOV Genie database. For the sake of consistency the same update will be reflected in the current version of the Annex (Closely related species) to the Guidelines with Explanatory Notes on Variety Denominations.

The members of the Administrative Council are invited to take note of this document