

EN Special issue of the Official Gazette of the Community Plant Variety Office informing about closing dates for applications and requirements for the submission of plant material

The purpose of the S2 Gazette is to provide applicants with a consolidated version of the closing dates for applications and the submission requirements for plant material in view of their technical examination.

Since October 2010, it is digitally published on the website of the Office six times per year. Any modification with respect to the previously published version of the S2 appears highlighted.

A search tool is available to identify these modifications on the web site of the Office.

In order to allow for the checking of the history of records, each S2 publication will be saved as a .pdf document and will remain available for consultation to the web users.

Until 201601 gazette, the S2 covered deadlines for the submission of plant material and submission requirements of species for which applications are regularly filed. As from 201602 gazette, the CPVO decided to publish all species in the S2 gazette, but some data might stay empty. You are requested to contact the Office if the information for the species in question is not available. Please remember that it is the applicant's responsibility to familiarize himself sufficiently with all aspects of the application procedure including the details on the submission of plant material for the conduct of the technical examination. When filing an application, an applicant must be in a position to submit plant material of his variety by the deadline and in the quality and quantity prescribed by the Office. Otherwise, he runs the risk of his application being rejected. In case of questions about other species, please approach the CPVO at cpvo@cpvo.europa.eu.

- 1: Species name
- 2: Cultivation type
- 3: Fee group
- 4: Number of foreseen growing cycles
- 5: Country
- 6: Examination office
- 7: Closing date
- 8: Submission start
- 9: Submission end
- 10: Seed/plant quantity and quality

Important notes:

— *The applicant is expected to submit the plant material only after having received a request in writing from the CPVO. Failure to comply with the above instruction may jeopardise the whole procedure.*

— *Applicants are strongly advised not to leave the sending of applications or plant material to the last minute.*

— *Applications can be filed at any time. The CPVO envisages to start the technical examination in the growing period following the closing date if a valid application has been received by the closing date.*

— *The closing date determines the start of the technical examination. For applications with a date of application being no later than the closing date the technical examination will start in the coming growing period. If the closing date falls on a day on which the Office is not open, then the first day on which the Office is open shall become the closing date. For applications with a date of application posterior to the closing date the technical examination will start in the subsequent year.*

— *If plant material is submitted after the set submission date, the application could be refused pursuant to Article 61 Council Regulation (EC) No 2100/94 of 27 July 1994.*

— *If a time limit expires on a day on which the CPVO is not open for receipt of documents, the time limit shall extend until the first day thereafter on which the CPVO is open for receipt of documents and on which ordinary mail is delivered, pursuant to Article 71 of the Implementing rules, European Commission Regulation No 874/2009 of 17/09/2009.*

— *If a time limit expires on a day on which the examination office is not open for receipt of plant material, the time limit shall extend until the first day thereafter on which the examination office is open for receipt of plant material, pursuant to Article 71 of the Implementing rules, European Commission Regulation No 874/2009 of 17/09/2009.*

— *Any phytosanitary requirements will be communicated to the applicant with the request for the submission of plant material to the relevant examination office.*

— *The plant material supplied should be visibly healthy, not lacking in vigour or affected by any significant pest or disease.*