

Using foreign test reports for DUS Examinations – A New Zealand view

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A SINGLE DUS TEST

- A goal of international breeder's organisations
- National authorities have a range of varying views regarding usage of test reports or foreign data
- There are challenges in coming to a common view
- A common view may be possible in the longer term

Using a stepwise approach





Using a test report: What factors should be considered?

The New Zealand experience

A set of criteria to determine whether or not a foreign test report may be used for the examination of a variety

A set of criteria

- Has there have been a prior application overseas and is a report available from an authority?
- Is there genus or species knowledge, production or experience nationally
- Consider prior NZ applications for varieties in the same genus. What has been done before?

A set of criteria

- Is there a UPOV test guideline for that genus or species?
- Are there possible similar varieties in NZ, which may not be included in testing overseas?
- Consider the significance to a DUS decision of plant characters which may be different or may change due to NZ's climate and environment.

The approach has provided

- A framework for the role of foreign test reports in the examination and in Grant decisions
- Consistency in usage decisions
- Openness and transparency
- Information to breeders
- Information to other authorities

A WAY FORWARD

UPOV

The development of UPOV guidance

A common set of criteria to determine
the role of foreign test reports or data in
the national examination system