



Law No.15 of 2013 on Registration, Adoption and Protection of agricultural varieties.

This Law consisting of 20 articles divided in V Chapters aims at (i) developing scientific documentation and knowledge in the breeding and improvement of plants in line with international conventions of agricultural varieties; and (ii) protecting conservation efforts and rights of developers and those who carry out the implementation of breeding and genetic improvement. Article 2 - 4 deal with the establishment and tasks of the National Committee, chaired by the Minister of Agriculture, with the following powers (i) registration and adoption of new varieties; (ii) make known the genetic source of the new variety; (iii) get hold of a quantity of seeds (part of them is kept in the Genetic Resources Bank and the remaining part is used for testing purposes); (iv) to make decisions about import, export, sale, cultivation, propagation, circulation and transfer of any genetically modified variety or hybrid. Article 5 regards the naming of new varieties. Article 8 is on the stop for using the variety. Article 10 deals with conditions for registration or accreditation of a new variety. Article 12 lists which rights do not fall between those of the producer. Transfer of ownership is referred in Chapter III, while Chapter IV regards the permits to exploit the new variety. Chapter V deals with the Final Provisions.