

# CPVO's DUS reports in the United States of America

On 3 March 2021, the President of the CPVO met virtually with a delegation of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

During the meeting, it was recalled that the United States of America's Plant Variety Protection Act was amended to include asexually reproduced plant varieties, which allows the U.S. Plant Variety Protection Office to accept applications for these genera. With the ability to accept these new varieties, the U.S. Plant Variety Protection Office adopted the UPOV Test Guidelines for all asexually reproduced varieties. As a result, DUS reports can now be accepted from the CPVO and its entrusted Examinations Offices in EU Member States for all asexually reproduced plant variety applications.

DUS reports for sexually propagated varieties can also be accepted, on a case-by-case basis, if the applications fulfill certain criteria. For example, DUS reports for certain crops that are new to the U.S. Plant Variety Protection Office can be acceptable.

Applicants who are interested in using a DUS report from the EU in an application procedure before the U.S. Department of Agriculture are invited to contact Jeffery Haynes, Commissioner, to learn more and discuss in further detail. Mr. Haynes can be contacted at Jeffery [dot] Haynes [at] usda [dot] gov.