

Republic of Serbia
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management
Plant Protection Directorate
Group for Plant Variety Protection and Biosafety

The Guidelines for the procedure for granting plant breeders' right and payment of annual fees for a breeder's right

1. Procedure for protection of the plant breeders' right is regulated by ‘Law on Protection of plant breeders' right’ (“Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia”, No 41/2009 and 88/2011.)

Application for granting of the plant breeders' right (hereinafter: Application) is submitted to the administrative office, Omladinskih Brigada 1 (SIV 3), the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Plant Protection Directorate.

Applications are submitted to the administrative office from 7:30-15:30 h or by post to the above mentioned address.

With the application following documents shall be attached:

- 1) Completed technical questionnaire- fill in the appropriate form
- 2) Authorization to the representative (on the existing form)
- 3) Documents proving ownership of the variety (only if item 6 in application is completed);
- 4) Proposed variety denomination (on the existing form);
- 5) Certified copies of documents filled with the first application, in the case of claiming the right of priority (Article 18 of the Law on PBR) and official certified translation of this document;
- 6) Proof of payment of administrative fees in the amount of 7080.00 dinars to the account number: 840-742221843-57, model 97, reference number, depending on the municipality of paying, as [attachement in PDF format](#), payments in benefit of the budget of the Republic of Serbia, with a note: for protection of the plant breeders' right (state the name of the variety);
- 7) Photographs (in case of fruit and ornamental varieties);
- 8) Confidential part of the technical questionnaire- fill in the appropriate form only for parental lines of hybrid varieties.

The Application which is duly filed shall be entered into the Register of Applications for Plant breeders' Rights and published in electronic form. (www.uzb.minpolj.gov.rs)

If it is found during the process of examination of an application that the variety is new and has a proper name, the Ministry performs variety testing (DUS test). Also, the Ministry may accept the results of DUS testing obtained in the Member State of UPOV.

Decision on granting breeder's right provides for the right that is prescribed in Chapter 4, Article 25, 26, 27 and 28 of the Law on PBR. The variety, protected by the Law on the protection of plant breeder's right shall enter in the Register of Protected Plant Varieties (www.uzb.minpolj.gov.rs).

2. Charging of annual fee for each year for plant breeder's right is set out by the Decision on annual fees for the conduct of the technical examination and annual fee for the breeder's right („Official Gazette RS“ No 8/20 of 31, January 2020).

Payments of annual fee the breeder's right from Serbia

Holder of a breeder's right pays the annual fee for the breeder's right in the amount of 15 000,00 dinars.

- to the account number 840-30980845-83,
- reference number 65148420500420742321, model 97
- payments to the budget of the Republic of Serbia – Plant Protection Directorate,
- with a note: annual fee for the breeders right for the variety (with the indication of the variety name and the year for which the payment is made).

Documentary evidence of payment should be sent to the Plant Protection Directorate, Group for Plant Variety Protection and Biosafety. The payment of the annual fee shall be due until the beginning of the calendar year for which the payment is made.

Payments of annual fee the breeder's right from abroad

The holder can make the payment directly from another country in foreign currency. The instruction for payment from abroad will be provided to the holder by Plant Protection Directorate, Group for Plant Variety Protection and Biosafety on the request. The request should be sent to e-mail address: gordana.loncar@minpolj.gov.rs or by post to the address: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Plant Protection Directorate, Group for Plant Variety Protection and Biosafety, Omladinskih brigada 1, 11070 Beograd.

Documentary evidence of payment should be sent to the Plant Protection Directorate, Group for Plant Variety Protection and Biosafety. The payment of the annual fee shall be due until the beginning of the calendar year for which the payment is made.