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Plant breeding is protracted and expensive and the resulting plant varieties can be easily and quickly reproduced by others by means of simple multiplication of plant material. Therefore, in order to reap the benefits of their scientific efforts and the related economic investment, plant breeders can opt for IP protection on their products.

This Fact Sheet aims at illustrating the importance of plant variety protection by providing an overview of the plant variety right system and focusing on the protection at EU level.

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