

Information about an execution of state variety trials in 2023

Dear applicant / agent,

based on your submitted application for:

- registration of variety
- prolongation of the period of registration of the variety
- performing of private trials
- performing of the DUS tests of the variety/hybrid/lines
- registration of the next maintainer

The Central Control and Testing Institute in Agriculture (hereinafter „control institute”), Department of Variety Testing (hereinafter „OOS”), performs the State Variety Trials (hereinafter „variety trials”), which consist of:

- Value for Cultivation and Use tests (hereinafter „VCU”)
 - Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability tests (hereinafter „DUS”)
 - Technological analyses (hereinafter „TA”) performed by a technically qualified workplace, according to the legislation in force (Decree of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Slovak Republic No 365/2007 Coll. laying down detailed rules for carrying out varietal tests for cultivated plants) and applicable guidelines.
1. Details and additional information on the procedures in the registration procedure, respectively in the varietal testing and the applicant's obligations under the relevant legislation are listed in the following list and specifically defined in the General Technical Guideline ÚKSÚP no. 15/2017 governing the registration of varieties of cultivated plants to variety trials, which is published on control institute's website (<https://www.uksup.sk/oos-metodicke-pokyny>) and is obligatory for applicants.
 2. OOS performs the variety trials for the applicant at the Testing stations of control institute, or on the technically qualified workplace delegated by control institute. If requested the applicant will be informed by control institute about the location of the trials in writing or by e-mail.
 3. The list of the varieties tested in 2023 as well as the number of testing locations with varieties in 2023, were sent to you electronically (**Annex No. 1**). The applicant is required to check all relevant information and in case of any objections to inform OOS.
 4. The list of submitted Proposals for a variety denomination (until September 2023) was also sent to you electronically (**Annex No. 2**). We recommend to send the missing Proposals for a variety denomination to OOS as soon as possible in order to fulfill the condition mentioned in the next point.

5. The applicant/ agent is obliged to submit a Proposal for a variety denomination no later than 6 months before the expected end of the variety trials. If this deadline is not met, the procedure for variety registration will be extended by the time of verification of the suitability of the variety denomination.
6. If the TA are part of the variety trials (which are performed based on the requirements of the CPVO protocols), the control institute performs them or arranges for them to be carried out in a technically qualified workplace (**Annex No. 3**).
7. In case TA are done on the technically qualified workplace, the applicant is required to pay the price for TA directly to the technically qualified workplace under its current price list. The price for this accomplishment is not included in the price list of control institute. In the price for TA are also included costs related to analysis of control varieties.
8. In case of a change in a technically qualified workplace who performs the TA, the applicant will be informed of this fact in advance.
9. The number of testing sites, on which the varieties were sown and evaluated, and the number of samples sent for TA will be specified for billing purposes after harvesting and evaluation of the applicability of the obtained results.
10. The applicant shall undertake, upon application to the OOS, to pay the invoice for the variety trials of the varieties listed in the List of tested varieties (**Annex No. 1**). In case of testing of hybrids, the applicant will also pay for testing of the components, which are part of the individual applications submitted to the control institute.
11. In case, when duplicate of DUS tests for line of hybrid, which had been done before, is involved in the Proposal for decision, there is an administrative fee 5€ / page.
12. The Invoice for the variety trials will be issued according to the valid Price List of the Inspection and Testing Activities of the control institute, which is published on the website: <https://www.uksup.sk/aktualne-informacie>.
13. In case, that the applicant wants to cancel the variety trials and he does not send the withdrawal of the application before the agro-technical date of sowing for the variety, the applicant it will pay the full price.
14. In case the results of the variety trials are impaired for reasons which exclude the executor's responsibility (e.g. natural disasters), the applicant shall pay an aliquot of the cost of the test determined by the control institute.
15. The applicant is obliged immediately notify in writing to control institute the change of registration in the Commercial Register or the change in the relevant registry pursuant to the specific regulation, change of address, telephone number, change of the address for invoicing, change in the list of tested varieties and other changes related to performing of tests or are directly concerned to the applicant, authorized representative, maintainer or the addressee of the invoice.
16. If the applicant applies for variety registration in the Slovak Republic, the applicant does not send a separate application for DUS examination. In this case the DUS examination is performed automatically (DUS examination is a condition for variety registration).
17. If the applicant is interested in completing the DUS tests of the withdrawn variety after the 1st year of variety trials, the applicant is also obliged to submit an application for DUS

examination. Based on it, testing of the withdrawn variety will continue to the 2nd year of the DUS tests.

18. When the applicant has submitted the withdrawal of the application after the 2nd year of the variety trials, he can request an official DUS description of the variety and the Final report of variety DUS tests. In this case, the applicant has to indicate the option for variety DUS in the Withdrawal form and does not submit the application for DUS examination as is described above.
19. Control institute also requires to follow the obligation to register varieties/hybrids on the list of Clearfield, Clearfield Plus and ExpressSun technologies (based on Technical Guideline ÚKSÚP no. 2/2018 governing registration varieties/hybrids on the list of Clearfield, Clearfield Plus and ExpressSun technologies).
20. Control institute encourages applicants to meet deadlines and provide necessary quantity of seeds to assessment variety trials, as well as to use the currently valid forms of documents. Please find all information and necessary documents on the control institute's website: <https://www.uksup.sk/oos-metodicke-pokyny> ; <https://www.uksup.sk/oos-ziadosti-a-tlaciva>.
21. In accordance to Act no. 305/2013 Coll. of the Legal Code about electronical form of performance of public authorities and on amendments to certain acts (Act about an e-Government), the control institute is obliged to communicate electronically.
22. The department for maize was divided as follows:
 - maize for grain - crop specialist Ing. E. Koľová, testing station Báhoň
 - maize for silage - crop specialist Ing. Z. Grófová, testing station Želiezovce

Best regards

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