

FINLAND

DECREE ON THE PLANT VARIETY BOARD*

No. 906 of 9 October 1992

Section 1

The Plant Variety Board shall include experts on field, garden, ornamental and nursery plants as well as representatives of the State Seed Testing Center, experimental activity, information, agricultural and garden crop growers, and the foodstuffs industry. The Board may operate in divisions according to its agenda. The agenda shall be approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Section 2

The Board shall be assisted by a secretariat (the Plant Variety Rights Office). The Office shall have a Director.

The Director shall be appointed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

The qualifications of the Director shall be an appropriate higher university degree and familiarity with the matters dealt with by the Office.

The position of Director shall be created by decision of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Section 3

The Board shall have competence to conclude agreements on research to be carried out in Finland or on experiments with material of a plant variety for which breeders' rights have been sought in Finland with the register authority of a State which has acceded to the International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) to be carried out by the said authority or any other authority or institution authorized by the former.

Section 4

This Decree shall enter into force on October 15, 1992.

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