

EGYPT Plant Breeders Right

Overview

In Egypt, all protocols, regulations & procedures pertaining to the protection and/or registering a new plant variety in Egypt are governed by the:

- ✓ **Egyptian Intellectual Property Law No. 82/2002 - Book 4.**

In addition to:

- ✓ **The Council of Ministers Resolution No. 1366 of 2003**, issuing Implementing regulations for Law No. 82 of 2002 on the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights Books 1, 2 & 4.
- ✓ EGIPA Head's **Decree no. 10 4of 2025**, issuing new service fee-list for filing, protecting, maintaining PV cases in Egypt.

Treaties & Agreements

Egypt is already a member state in many IP related agreements & protocols. However, in respect to the Plant Breeder's rights and related issued, Egypt is a member at the following:

Treaty - Protocol	In Force Since
* International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV))	Nov 01, 2019
* International Plant Protection Convention	Oct 02, 2005
* International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	Jun 29, 2004
* Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS)	Jan 01, 2005
* Convention on Biological Diversity	Dec 29, 1993
* Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Mar 21, 2004
* Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial property	Jul 01, 1951



Required Documents

- ✓ Power of Attorney for the applicant, legalized up to the Egyptian Consulate (*form attached*).
- ✓ Deed of Assignment, duly signed by the assignor (breeder) and the assignee (applicant), and legalized up to the EG consulate, at your kind end.
- ✓ A duly filled in **Application Form & Technical Questionnaire** (*forms attached*).
- ✓ **DUS / VCU** Reports for the subject species (*original certified certificates*); and
- ✓ If the plant variety had been previously filed/registered in any other country, it would be required to provide scanned copy of the application at that country.

Note: In case the plant variety has not been examined yet and there are no DUS & VCU reports for the same; the Egyptian **Central Administration for Seed Testing & Certification (CASC)** will conduct the examination & issue their reports within (2) years from the application's filing date.

* *DUS: Distinct, Uniform & Stable*

* *VCU: Value for Cultivation & Use*

Official Authorities

The competent authorities responsible for issuing the DUS & VCU tests are the:

- ✓ Egyptian Intellectual Property Authority (EGIPA)
- ✓ Egyptian Central Administration for Seed Testing & Certification (CASC)
- ✓ Agricultural Economy Research Institution (AERS)
- ✓ Genetic Engineering Research Institution (GERI)
- ✓ Plant Preservation Research Institution (PPRI)
- ✓ Plant Disease Research Institution (PDRI)
- ✓ Agricultural Research Center (ARC)

PV Protection Costs

Procedures	Official Fees	Professional Fees	Total Costs
Filing an application	2.50	177.50	180.00
Formal Examination Fees (not substantive)	42.00	08.00	50.00
DUS request form (applying & following up)	00.00	100.00	100.00
Publication fees for the variety	1.20	98.80	100.00
Obtaining a certified protection certificate	15.00	235.00	250.00
Official validation for the DUS test	211.00	200.00	411.00
Grand Total in USD			1,091.00



PV Protection Term

If the plant variety fulfills the (4) technical requirements of:

1- Distinct 2- Uniform 3- Stable 4- Novel

A Plant breeder will be granted By EGIPA a total protection period for his variety as follows:

⇒ for trees & vines: **25 years**

⇒ for other crops: **20 years**

PV Annual Maintenances

According to Egyptian IP law no. 82/2002, all protected plant varieties are subject to annual maintenance fees; payable starting from the 2nd year after protection's grant-date till the end of protection period, supported with an annual DUS maintenance report, which could be issued by the Egyptian Plant Variety Protection Office (PVPO), or by any foreign Plant Variety Protection Office.

If we already hold an applicable legalized POA for the variety holders, it will suffice to attend maintenance services. While if we were not the initial agents for protection, we shall be supported with a legalized copy of a POA duly signed and legalized up to the Egyptian consulate.

Our costs are **fixed** for attending annual maintenance fees at the EGIPA, starting from the 2nd year of protection till the **year 25** (*for trees and vines*), or the **year 20** (*for other crops*); as follows:

Procedure	Official Fees	Professional Fees	Total Costs
Reporting, settling, and following-up PV annual maintenance fee at EGPVPO	43.00	372.00	415.00
Grand Total in USD			415.00

PV Importing Authorization Letters

According to Egyptian IP law no. 82/2002, for any local consignee (i.e., either a local distributor, whole or retail seller) who wishes to import a locally protected plant variety into Egypt, an official authorization letter shall be obtained at first by the consigner (i.e., the PV holder), duly signed & stamped by his local representative supported with a legalized POA copy and submitted at the Egyptian CASC.

Our costs are **fixed** for signing & stamping an authorization letter for importing a locally protected PV into Egypt as follows:

Procedure	Official Fees	Professional Fees	Total Costs
Preparing, stamping, and submitting an importation authorization letter at CASC	00.00	330.00	330.00
Grand Total in USD			330.00



Total Registration Costs

In case the Plant breeder would like to protect his Variety in Egypt, however, he is still unable to furnish a duly certified certificates of the DUS & VCU reports from his country of origin; a registration procedure must be fulfilled through the **EG Ministry of Agriculture & Land Reclamation**; procedures & costs are:

❖ **For Crops** (costs are in USD):

Procedure	Official Fees	Professional Fees	Total Costs
Cultivation for the 1 st year	600.00	350.00	950.00
Cultivation for the 2 nd year	600.00	320.00	920.00
Cultivation for the 3 rd year	300.00	220.00	530.00
DNA Test for the P. variety	30.00	150.00	180.00
P.V. National Registration	250.00	230.00	480.00
Grand Total in USD			3,060.00

❖ **For Vegetables** (costs are in USD):

Procedure	Official Fees	Professional Fees	Total Costs
Cultivation for the 1 st year	300.00	350.00	650.00
Cultivation for the 2 nd year	300.00	320.00	620.00
Cultivation for the 3 rd year	170.00	220.00	390.00
DNA Test for the variety	30.00	150.00	180.00
PV National Registration	250.00	230.00	480.00
Grand Total in USD			2,620.00

Important Notes:

- ✓ For Corn only, the cultivation is only two years (i.e. no need for the 3rd year).
- ✓ Cultivation costs are payable stage by stage (i.e. on two or three installments)

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(English versions are prepared by Reyada International, while all official documents in Egypt are in Arabic).



Technical Questionnaire Form

Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation

Agricultural Services Department

Central Administration for Seed Testing & Certification (CASC)

Office of Plant Variety Protection

Technical Questionnaire For the Protection of a New Plant Variety

Variety Reference Number:

1) Technical Questionnaire Subject:

a- Variety Denomination in English :

b- Variety Common Name :

2) The Applicant:

* Name :

* Address :

* Tel :

* Fax :

* Email :

* Breeder's name (in case the applicant is not the breeder):

3) Proposed Denomination & Reference Number of the Variety:

* Proposed name (if any) :

* Reference number :

4) Breeding & Propagation Program Information:

* The Genetic Source used for developing the variety:

* Traditional information & domestic experiences based upon for developing the Variety:

* Propagation Method (please select the appropriate one):

(1) Hybridization:

A - Controlled hybridization

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B- Partial hybridization known (if selected, please mention the known parents

[]

C- Open hybridization - unknown

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(2) Mutation: (if selected, please mention the parents)

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Parents:

(3)- Discovery and development:

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Where and when was the discovery made, and how was it developed:

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*** Breeding program (please mention in detail):**

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*** Propagation Method(s):**

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*** The Genetic Source used for developing the variety:**

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*** Traditional information & domestic experiences based upon for developing the Variety:**

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*** Recommended cultivation/planting period:**

In the open field from to	Or	Under tunnels / greenhouses from to
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5) The Basic & Obvious Characteristics of the Variety (to be defined):

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6) Similar Varieties and the differences between these varieties and the applied variety:

Please use the schedule illustrated herein under in order to indicate how the applied variety differs from the other similar varieties, based on the best knowledge you acquire.

This information may assist the official Testing Authority in conducting the Distinction Test accurately.

Denomination(s) of Varieties Similar to the applied variety	Distinctive Characteristics in the applied variety that differ from the similar ones	Define Characteristics of the similar varieties	Define Characteristics of the applied variety
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7) Further information that may assist in testing the applied variety:

A- In addition to the information provided in the items (5) & (6), are there any further distinctive characteristics for the variety?

Yes ()

No ()

* If yes, please indicate the same in details:

B- Special conditions for testing the variety:

Are there any special conditions for cultivating the variety or for conducting its relevant test(s)?

Yes ()

No ()

* If yes, please indicate the same in details:

* Please add any further information if any:

8) Permission for lunching the variety:

A- For the variety to be lunched, does it require an advance-permission under the Laws of Environment Protection, Human Health Protection, and Animal Protection?

Yes ()

No ()

B- Have you obtained this advance-permission?

Yes ()

No ()

* If yes, please attach a copy of this permission.

9) Information on the plant material in order to be "Tested / Applied for Test":

- a- Expression of the characteristic or number of characteristics of the applied variety might be affected by any factors; like plant epidemics, diseases, chemical treatments (such as: growth frustrates & insecticides); the effects of tissue culture, or grafting sources; grafts derived from various growth phases of trees, etc...
- b- The plant material should be void of any treatment that affects the expression of characteristics of the applied variety, unless the respective authorities approve these kinds of treatments.

Based upon, please mention herein below -based on your knowledge- whether the testable variety material has been subject to either of the following:

- | | | |
|--|--------------|-------------|
| ❖ Micro organisms; like: viruses, bacteria, or phytoplasma | Yes () | No () |
| ❖ Chemical treatments; like: growth frustrates or insecticides | Yes () | No () |

❖ Tissue Culture	Yes ()	No ()
❖ Other factors	Yes ()	No ()

* If yes, please indicate the same in details:

10) Declaration:

I admit, based on the best knowledge I acquire, that all information provided in this application is correct.

Applicant name :

Signature :

Date :

-- End of Technical Questionnaire --

Application Form**Application for Protecting a New Plant Variety in Egypt**

This page shall be completed by the Office

Application Number :

Filing Date :

Filing Time : Day Month Year

Receiving Officer :

Application Filed at : Office of Plant Variety Protection.

Plant Variety Protection Department
Egyptian Intellectual Property Authority (EGIPA)

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Applicant Details

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Breeder

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Agent

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Legal Person

To be filled by the Office	
1	Applicant Name: Location: Nationality : Tel: Address : Fax: Mailing Address: Email:
2	Applicant Name: Location: Nationality : Tel: Address : Fax: Mailing Address: Email:
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	Applicant Name: Location: Nationality : Tel: Address : Fax: Mailing Address: Email:
f Breeders are more than 4, please attach a list of the same	
3	Transferring the Variety to the Applicant: If the applicant is not the breeder, their legal relationship must be indicated, supported with the formal documents proving the same. By Contraction : By Succession : By Attorneyship : Other :
	Variety Data

4	Variety Genus : Variety Species : Type : Common Denomination: Proposed Denomination:											
5	Applications of the same Variety applied at foreign Countries for Protection <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Country</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Application number</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Location</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Variety Name (reference)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Application date</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> If more than one country, please attach a list of the same		Country		Application number		Location		Variety Name (reference)		Application date	
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Application date												
6	Has the variety been marketed inside Egypt? ☐ Yes ☐ No Variety Denomination Name: 1 st Circulation Date:/...../.....											
7	Has the variety been marketed outside Egypt? ☐ Yes ☐ No First Country Marketed in: Variety Denomination Name: 1 st Circulation Date:/...../.....											
8	Is the Variety Genetically Modified? ☐ Yes ☐ No Type of this genetic modification:											
9	Procedures or Methods of Submitting documents attesting to the DUS tests for protection purposes: 1- Samples of the applied variety will be submitted within (3) months as of the date of acceptance of the Central Administration for Seed Testing & Certification (CASC). 2- Documents attesting to the same will be submitted within (3) months as of the acceptance date. 3- A request will be submitted for conducting the DUS tests outside Egypt.											
10	Has the DUS examination been conducted for this PV application? ☐ Yes ☐ No											

	If Yes: Country's Name: DUS Examination Status: Pending ☐ Done ☐ If Done: Examination Issuance Date: If Pending: Expectation Date:
11	Had the breeder used an Egyptian genetic material, any traditional information, or any domestic experience as a base for deriving this new variety? ☐ Yes ☐ No * If the answer is No: The applicant shall admit that he has never used an Egyptian genetic material, any traditional information, or domestic experience as a base for deriving this variety. * If the answer is Yes: Please indicate the same in the concerned application form.
12	If the applicant is a company: Does the companies' capital exceed 50 thousand Pounds ☐ Yes ☐ No
13	Application's Attachments: a) Technical Specifications (data) – in duplicate. b) Representative's Power of Attorney (if any). c) Official Fees Payment Receipt. d) Any further relevant documents.
14	<u>Declaration</u> I, the undersigned, personally or acting as the agent for/ Declares my desire to obtain a Breeder's right certificate of protection for myself personally or as the agent-representative for/ And that all information mentioned in this form is correct and on my personal responsibility. Name: Signature: Signed on: / /
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	Application Fees: Payment receipt no.: Dated: / / Amount:
16	Office Decision with respect to the application ☐ Acceptance ☐ Rejection Rejection Basis: 1- 2- 3-
17	Application Received by (officer): Office Seal: Attestation (Office Manager):

-- End of Filing Application --

Main Characteristics of the new PV case

- ✓ The time for the appearance of the pink bud:
- ✓ Young buds: head opening:
- ✓ Young leaf: Color on the upper side of the blade:
- ✓ Bud: the color of the perforated part of the leaf petiole (node):
- ✓ Mature leaf: hairs creeping between the veins in the lower part of the leaf:
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- ✓ Flower: Gender:
- ✓ Number of mature leaf lobes:
- ✓ Early ripening time:
- ✓ Fruit: skin color:
- ✓ Fruit: Shape:
- ✓ The fruit: the specific flavor:
- ✓ Fruit: seed formation:

Grapes - Selected UBOV TQ Items

*** Breeding program** *(please select the appropriate one):*

(1) Hybridization: []

A - Controlled hybridization []

B- Partial hybridization known (if selected, please mention the known parents []

C- Open hybridization - unknown []

(2) Mutation: (if selected, please mention the parents) []

Parents:

(3)- Discovery and development: []

Where and when was the discovery made, and how was it developed:

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*** Method of propagation of the variety:** *(please select the appropriate one):*

(a) Cuttings []

(b) Tube propagation []

(c) Other (please mention the method) []

*** Item characteristics to be mentioned** *(the number in parentheses refers to the corresponding characteristic in the test instructions; please mark the most appropriate):*

Number	Examples of items	Properties
(a) Small buds: head opening)2(-5		
()1	Montpellier's Gloire Palace	Closed
()2	3309 Couderc	slightly open
()3	Kober 5 BB	half open
()4	China	wide opening
()5	Pinot noir , Riesling	Fully open
(b) Small leaf: color of the upper side of the blade)6(-5		
()1	Furmint	yellowish green
()2	Silvaner	green
()3	Riesling	anthocyanin- spotted green
()4	Kober 5 BB	light copper red
()5	Chasselas white	dark copper red
()6	Deckrot	dark wine red
(c) Small leaf: hairs extended between the main veins on the -5 underside of the blade)7(		
()1	Rupestris, of the Lot	Non-existent or highly scattered
()3	Muscat with small grains	scattered

()5	Merlot, Riesling	Medium
()7	Clairette	heavy
()9	Meunier	very dense
(d) Flower: Reproductive organs) 16 (-5		
()1	Lot Rupestris	Fully developed stamens without style
()2	3309 Couderc	Fully developed stamens and diminished style
()3	Chasselas white	Fully developed stamens and fully developed style
()4	Kober 5 BB, Ohanes	fully developed reflexed stamens and style
(e) Mature leaf: number of lobes)20(-5		
()1	Lot Rupestris	one
()2	White Chenin	three
()3	Chasselas white	Fifth
()4	Vermin	seven
()5	Hebron	More than seven
(and) Grape ripening time) 31 (-5		
()1	Csaba pearl	too early
()2	Pinot noir	early
()3	Riesling	middle
()4	Carignan	late
()5	black olive	too late
(z) Grape: Figure) 36 (-5		
()1	Tompa	elongated spherical
()2	Chasselas white	spherical
()3	Muller Thurgao	wide elliptical
()4	black olive	narrow elliptical
()5	Kahlili white	cylindrical
()6	Ahmeur bou Ahmeur	obtuse oval
()7	Bicane	oval
()8		inverted oval
()9	Santa Paula	horn-shaped
()10	Black finger	finger-shaped
(h) Grape: Skin color (without rose)) 37 (-5		
()1	King Husainy	green
()2	Chasselas white	yellowish green
()3	Palatina	yellow
()4	red wheat moscatel	yellowish pink
()5	Chasselas rose	rosy
()6	Molinera Gorda	red
()7	Pinot Gris	red gray
()8	Cardinal	dark purple-red
()9	Pinot noir	blackish blue
(t) Grape: Anthocyanin staining of fleshy tissue)40(- 5		

()1	Pinot noir	non-existent or very weak
()3	Gamay of Bouze	weak
()5	Chaudhary 's Gamay	middle
()7	Alicante Bouschet	strong
()9	Deckrot	very strong
(y) Grape: a specific flavor) 42 (-5		
()1	Auxerrois	Nothing
()2	Muscat of Alexandria	Muscat grapes
()3	Isabella	oral vine
()4	Cabernet Sauvignon	Herbal
()5	Chardonnay, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Riesling	Other than Muscat and Al-Karma Oral and herbal
(k) Grape: forming seeds) 42 (-5		
()1	Corinthian black	nothing
()2	Sultanina	primitive
()3	Riesling	complete

Raspberry & Blueberry
Selected UBOV TQ Items

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TQ	P. (X) of (Y)	Reference no.
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4.2 Methods of propagation of variety (please select the appropriate one):

4.2.1 Vegetative propagation:

- (a) In vitro propagation []
 (b) Roots []
 (c) Other (please specify method) []

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e.g. In vitro propagation (a) and roots (b)

4.2.2 Other:

(please provide details): []

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5.1 Item characteristics to be specified (the number in parentheses refers to the corresponding property in the test instructions; please mark the observation that best matches)

Note	Examples of varieties	Properties
		5.1 Plant: Number of shoots growing during the current season - (2)
1. ☐		Very little
2. ☐		Very little to a little
3. ☐	Rubaca , Rucami	a little
4. ☐		little to medium
5. ☐	Glen Ample, Multiraspa , Rumiloba	middle
6. ☐		Medium to high
7. ☐	Glen Clova, Skeena	a lot

8.	☐		Many to very many
9.	☐		too much
5.2 Inactive reed: color - (9)			
1.	☐	Malling Leo, Schöнемann	gray-brown
2.	☐	Malling Orion	grayish brown
3.	☐	Caliber, Glen Clova	brown
4.	☐	Festival, Malling Landmark	purple-brown
5.	☐	Royalty, Titan	purple-brown
5.3 Thorns: Their Presence - (10)			
1.	☐	Glen Moy	Not found
9.	☐	Malling Promise	present
5.4 (New) Flower: Its presence on the current year's stalk - (22)			
1.	☐		Not found
9.	☐		present

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Note	Examples of varieties	Properties
5.5 Fruit: Length to Width Ratio - (30)		
1.	☐	too small
2.	☐	small to small
3.	☐ Caliber, Zefa 2	small
4.	☐	small to medium
5.	☐ Glen Clova, Rafzeter	Medium
6.	☐	Medium to large
7.	☐ Malling Delight, Tulameen	big
8.	☐	large to very large
9.	☐	too big

5.6 Fruit: General shape in side view - (31)		
1. ☐	Malling Landmark, Ontario	circular
2. ☐	Malling Orion, Meeker	broad conical
3. ☐	Annamaria, Rafzmach	conical
4. ☐	Gradina	Trapezoid
5.7 Fruit : Color - (33)		
1. ☐	Gelbe Antwerpener, Golden Bliss	yellow
2. ☐	Orange Marie	orange
3. ☐	Malling Delight	bright red
4. ☐	Glen Clova, Malling Orion	medium red
5. ☐	Gigant , Schönemann , Zefa 2	dark red
6. ☐	Royalty	purple
7. ☐	Deep Purple	dark purple
5.8 Delete from index and move to properties questionnaire) Fruit: Main type of fruiting - (37)		
1. ☐	Malling Promise	Only on the previous year's reed in the summer
2. ☐	Isabel	On the previous year's reed in the summer and on the current year's reed in the fall
3. ☐	Autumn Bliss	Only on this year's reed in the fall

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Note	Examples of varieties	Properties
5.9 Maturity (fruiting) season - (42)		
1. ☐	Vene	too early
2. ☐		early to early

3.	☐	Glen Clova, Glen Moy, Rafzmach	early
4.	☐		Early to intermediate
5.	☐	Rusilva , Willamette	middle
6.	☐		Medium to Late
7.	☐	Malling Landmark, Schönemann	late
8.	☐		late to very late
9.	☐		too late