

Annexe 2: Status of countries in terms of joining various seed-related treaties as of June 2016

Country	Has PVP law ^a	Member of UPOV ^a	Allows patents on ^b			Member of Budapest Treaty ^a	Comments
			plants ^a	animals ^a	micro-organisms		
Afghanistan							
Albania	X	1991	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
Algeria	X						
Andorra							
Angola							
Argentina	X	1978					
Armenia						X	
Australia	X	1991	X		X	X	
Austria	X	1991	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
Azerbaijan	X	1991				X	
Bahamas							
Bahrain						X	Bahrain has signed a decree on accession to UPOV but is not yet member
Bangladesh							A draft PVP Act has been proposed
Barbados	X						Because of WTO
Belarus	X	1991			X	X	
Belgium	X	1972	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
Belize	X						Because of WTO
Benin	(X)	(1991)				(X)	As member of OAPI and because of WTO

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Bhutan	X		X	X	X		
Bolivia	X	1978					
Bosnia & Herz					X	X	
Botswana							
Brazil	X	1978					Because of WTO
Brunei	X					X	Has to join UPOV 1991 because of US FTA (TPP)
Bulgaria	X	1991	(X)	(X)		X	As member of EPO
Burma	X						Because of WTO
Burkina Faso	X	(1991)				(X)	As member of OAPI and because of WTO
Burundi							
Cambodia	X				X		Because of WTO
Cameroon	(X)	(1991)				(X)	As member of OAPI and because of WTO
Canada	X	1991			X	X	
Cape Verde			X	X	X		
Central Afr Rep	(X)	(1991)				(X)	As member of OAPI and because of WTO
Chad	(X)	(1991)				(X)	As member of OAPI and because of WTO
Chile	X	1978				X	Because of US and EU FTAs
China	X	1978			X	X	Because of WTO
Colombia	X	1978				X	Has to join UPOV 1991 because of US-Colombia and EU-Colombia FTAs
Comoros	(X)	(1991)	(X)			(X)	As member of OAPI and because of WTO
Congo	(X)	(1991)				(X)	As member of OAPI and because of WTO
Costa Rica	X	1991				X	Because of US FTA (CAFTA)
Cote d'Ivoire	X	(1991)				(X)	As member of OAPI and because of WTO
Croatia	X	1991	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
Cuba	X		X	X	X	X	
Cyprus			(X)	(X)	X		As member of EPO
Czech Rep	X	1991	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
Dem Rep Congo							
Denmark	X	1991	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO

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Dominican Rep	X	1991				X	Because of US FTA (CAFTA)
Ecuador	X	1978					
Egypt	X				X		Because of WTO
El Salvador			X	X	X	X	
Eq Guinea	(X)	(1991)				(X)	As member of OAPI and because of WTO
Estonia	X	1991	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
Ethiopia	X						Because of WTO
EU	X	X		X		X	
Finland	X	1991	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
France	X	1991	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
Gabon	(X)	(1991)				(X)	As member of OAPI and because of WTO
Gambia							
Georgia	X	1991				X	
Germany	X	1991	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
Ghana							A draft PVP Act has been proposed
Greece			(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
Guatemala						X	
Guinea	(X)	(1991)				(X)	As member of OAPI and because of WTO
Guinea-Bissau	(X)	(1991)				(X)	As member of OAPI and because of WTO
Guyana							
Honduras						X	
Hungary	X	1991	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
Iceland	X	1991	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
India	X					X	Because of WTO
Indonesia	X						Because of WTO
Iran	X						Because of WTO
Iraq	X						Because of US occupation
Ireland	X	1991	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
Israel	X	1991				X	
Italy	X	1978	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO

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Jamaica							
Japan	X	1991	X	X	X	X	
Jordan	X	1991				X	Because of US-Jordan FTA
Kazakhstan	X					X	
Kenya	X	1991	X	X	X		Because of WTO
Kuwait			X				
Kyrgyzstan	X	1991				X	Because of WTO
Laos	X				X		Because of WTO
Latvia	X	1991	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
Lebanon			X		X		
Liberia							
Liechtenstein			(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
Lithuania	X	1991	X	X	X	X	
Luxembourg			(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
Macedonia	X	1991	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
Madagascar							
Malawi							
Malaysia	X						Because of WTO
Mali	(X)	(1991)				(X)	As member of OAPI and because of WTO
Malta			(X)	(X)	X		As member of EPO
Mauritania	(X)	(1991)				(X)	As member of OAPI and because of WTO
Mauritius							A draft PVP Act has been proposed
Mexico	X	1978				X	Because of US FTA (NAFTA)
Moldova	X	1991				X	
Monaco			(X)	(X)		X	As member of EPO
Montenegro	X	1991				X	
Morocco	X	1991				X	Because of US-Morocco FTA
Mozambique	X	(1991)					Because of WTO
Nepal							
Netherlands	X	1991	(X)	(X)		X	As member of EPO

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New Zealand	X	1978					Now has to join UPOV 1991 because of US FTA (TPP)
Nicaragua	X	1978				X	Because of US FTA (CAFTA)
Niger	(X)	(1991)				(X)	As member of OAPI and because of WTO
Norway	X	1978	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
North Korea						X	
Oman	X	1991				X	Because of US-Oman FTA
Pakistan							Has draft PVP Act before parliament
Panama	X	1991				X	Because of US-Panama FTA
Paraguay	X	1978					
Peru	X	1991				X	Because of US-Peru FTA
Philippines	X				X	X	Because of WTO
Poland	X	1991	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
Portugal	X	1978	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
Qatar						X	
Romania	X	1991	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
Russia	X	1991	X	X	X	X	
Rwanda	X						Because of WTO
Sao Tomé							
San Marino			X		X		
Saudi Arabia	X				X		Because of WTO
Senegal	(X)	(1991)				(X)	As member of OAPI and because of WTO
Serbia	X	1991	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
Singapore	X	1991	X	X	X	X	Because of US-Singapore FTA
Slovakia	X	1991	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
Slovenia	X	1991	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
South Africa	X	1978				X	
South Korea	X	1991	X	X	X	X	
Spain	X	1991	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
Sri Lanka					X		A draft PVP Act has been proposed
Suriname							

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Switzerland	X	1991	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
Taiwan	X				X		
Tajikistan	X		X			X	
Tanzania	X	1991					Because of WTO
Thailand	X						Because of WTO
Togo	(X)	(1991)				(X)	As member of OAPI and because of WTO
Trinidad & Tob	X	1978				X	Because of WTO
Tunisia	X	1991				X	Because of WTO
Turkey	X	1991	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
UAE					X		
Uganda	X						Because of WTO
Ukraine	X	1991				X	
UK	X	1991	(X)	(X)	X	X	As member of EPO
US	X	1991	X	X	X	X	
Uruguay	X	1978					
Uzbekistan	X	1991				X	
Venezuela							
Vietnam	X	1991					Because of US-Vietnam FTA
Yemen							
Zambia	X						Because of WTO
Zimbabwe	X						Because of WTO

a. Parentheses indicate that the policy or practice exists not necessarily under national law but because of the country's membership in a regional organisation such as European Patent Organisation (EPO) or the African Intellectual Property Organisation (OAPI)

b. In many countries, plants or animals are not explicitly excluded from patent law. Table does not assume that this means they are patentable