



Plant Varieties Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 66

An Act to make provision about rights in relation to plant varieties; to make provision about the Plant Varieties and Seeds Tribunal; to extend the time limit for institution of proceedings for contravention of seeds regulations; and for connected purposes. [27th November 1997]

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act: transfer of certain functions (1.7.1999) by [S.I. 1999/672](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch. 1](#)
Act: transfer of functions, property, rights and liabilities (27.12.1999) by [S.I. 1999/3141](#), [arts. 2\(1\)\(5\)](#), [3](#), [Sch.](#)
- C2** Act extended (1.3.2002) by [The Patents and Plant Variety Rights \(Compulsory Licensing\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/247\)](#), [reg. 27\(1\)](#) (subject to [regs. 19\(2\)](#), [27\(2\)\(3\)](#))
- C3** Act: certain functions transferred (21.11.2002) by [The Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Modification of Enactments\) Order 2002 \(S.I. 2002/2843\)](#), [art. 8](#) (with [art. 10](#))
- C4** Act applied in part (with modifications) (31.12.2020) by [The Plant Breeders' Rights \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/204\)](#), [regs. 1\(1\)](#), [3-14](#) (as amended by [S.I. 2019/1220](#), [regs. 1\(2\)](#), [8\(1\)-\(5\)](#); [S.I. 2020/769](#), [regs. 1\(2\)\(a\)](#), [3](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- C5** Act extended (with modifications) (1.8.2016) by [The Plant Varieties and Seeds \(Isle of Man\) Order 2016 \(S.I. 2016/758\)](#), [art. 3](#), [Sch. 2](#) (as amended by [S.I. 2022/1337](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch.](#))

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Plant Varieties Act 1997, Introductory Text.