



Brochure Plant variety rights

Plant variety rights or plant breeder's rights provide the opportunity to protect new varieties of plants. This may regard flowers, such as tulips or roses, but also fruit trees, etc.

New varieties are created through improvement. When the improvement yields results, meaning the creation of a new variety that is sufficiently distinct from existing varieties and which is uniform and stable, plant variety rights can be applied for. This can be done on a national level in the Netherlands, but also centrally for the entire European Union.

Monopoly

When plant variety rights are granted, this ensures a temporary monopoly (the maximum duration differs per category of plant material), relating to the propagating

activities and marketing of the propagating material such as for instance rose cuttings of the protected variety.

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Vriesendorp & Gaade is experienced in national and European procedures for obtaining plant variety rights and in court proceedings in case of infringement of exclusive plant variety rights by third parties.