ORDER APA/ /2026 AMENDING ANNEXES I, III, IV, V, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII AND XIII OF THE GENERAL REGULATION ON THE REGISTER OF COMMERCIAL VARIETIES, APPROVED BY ROYAL DECREE 170/2011 OF 11 FEBRUARY 2011.

The General Regulation on the Registration of Commercial Varieties, approved by Royal Decree 170/2011 of 11 February 2011, regulates in its annexes the Technical Regulations for the Registration of Varieties by Species Groups, which establish the specific rules, requirements and protocols for evaluating and authorising the marketing of new plant varieties.

Article 33(2) of the aforementioned General Regulation on the Register of Commercial Varieties, approved by Royal Decree 170/2011 of 11 February 2011, provides that, with regard to distinctness, uniformity and stability, the conduct of official examinations for the acceptance of varieties shall comply with the conditions laid down in the Protocols for distinctness, uniformity and stability tests issued by the Administrative Council of the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO), using all the varietal characteristics set out in those protocols.

Article 33(3) provides that if that Office has not established a protocol for conducting the identification test for a particular species, the current examination guidelines of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) shall apply, using all the varietal characteristics marked with an asterisk as set out in those guidelines.

This order updates the requirements to be met by the plant material for carrying out the DUS (distinctness, uniformity and stability) test, such as the date of submission, the minimum quantity required and the plant health conditions. The practical experience gained over the years, together with changes to the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO) quality standard, with which the examination offices accredited by the CPVO, such as the Spanish Plant Variety Office, must comply – and which the latter also applies to centres accredited to conduct DUS tests for the variety registers falling within the remit of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food – make it advisable to update these requirements in order to strengthen the safeguards governing the conduct of DUS tests. This is achieved through this order. The amendments to update these requirements affect the technical regulations for the registration of varieties set out in Annexes I, III, IV, V, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII and XIII to the General Regulation on the Register of Commercial Varieties, approved by Royal Decree 170/2011 of 11 February 2011.

In short, this order updates the aforementioned requirements of the Technical Regulations for the Registration of certain species or groups of species, such as spinach; cereals; maize and sorghum; forage crops, herbage plants, turf grasses and grain legumes; oil and fibre crops; vegetables; grapevines; stone and pome fruit trees; citrus fruit; strawberries; olive trees; and fig trees.

The content of this order complies with the principles set out in Article 129 of Law 39/2015 of 1 October 2015 on the Common Administrative Procedure of Public Administrations. In particular, it complies with the principles of necessity and effectiveness, as it is the most appropriate instrument to ensure that the rules are applied in a homogeneous way

throughout the national territory, thus guaranteeing the general interest. It has also been adapted to the principle of proportionality, since there is no other alternative that is less restrictive of rights or that imposes fewer obligations on the recipients. With regard to the principles of legal certainty, transparency and efficiency, this regulation adheres to them, as it is consistent with the rest of the legal system and efforts have been made to ensure the participation of interested parties, thus avoiding unnecessary administrative burdens.

This order was drawn up after consultation with the autonomous communities and the bodies representing the affected sectors. It has also been subject to the procedure laid down in Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and of rules on Information Society services.

This order is issued pursuant to the fourth final provision of Royal Decree 170/2011 of 11 February 2011, which empowers the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to issue, within the scope of their powers, the provisions necessary for the development and application of that Royal Decree and, in particular, to amend the annexes to the regulation approving that Royal Decree.

Therefore, in agreement with the Council of State, I hereby order:

Single article. *Amendment of Annexes I, III, IV, V, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII and XIII of the Regulation on the Register of Commercial Varieties, approved by Royal Decree 170/2011 of 11 February 2011.*

Annexes I, III, IV, V, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII and XIII of the Regulation on the Register of Commercial Varieties, approved by Royal Decree 170/2011 of 11 February 2011 are amended as follows:

One. Annex I(2), (3) and (4) read as follows:

'2. Deadlines for submitting registration applications. – The deadlines for submitting applications for each campaign shall be as follows:

Winter common wheat: 15 August.
spring common wheat: 15 August.
spelt wheat: 15 August.
durum wheat: 15 August.
winter barley: 15 August.
spring barley: 15 August.
winter oats: 15 August.
spring oats: 15 August.
rye: 15 August.
triticale: 15 August.
rice: 1 January.

3. Material required for the tests.

3. Material required for the tests. – In order to carry out the tests and determinations provided for in the General Regulation, for each variety applied for, the following material must be supplied to the warehouses of the National Institute of Agricultural and Food Research and Technology (Instituto Nacional de Investigación y Tecnología Agraria y

Alimentaría – INIA), located at Avda. Padre Huidobro s/n, Carretera de La Coruña, Km 7.5 (28040 Madrid):

For identification tests (first year only, untreated seed):

winter and spring common wheat, spelt wheat and durum wheat: 3 kilograms of seed and, on request, 150 ears,
winter and spring barley: 3 kilograms of seed and, on request, 150 ears,
winter and spring oats: 3 kilograms of seed and, on request, 150 ears,
rye: 3 kilograms of seed,
triticale: 3 kilograms of seed and, on request, 150 ears,
rice:
a) hereditary components (pure lines and simple foundational hybrids): 3 kg,
b) commercial hybrids and non-hybrid varieties: 3 kg,

for tests of agronomic value, treated seed (annually):
winter and spring common wheat, spelt wheat and durum wheat: 40 kilograms of seed,
winter and spring barley: 40 kilograms of seed,
winter and spring oats: 30 kilograms of seed,
rye: 30 kilograms of seed,
triticale: 40 kilograms of seed,
rice: 15 kilograms of seed.

4. Deadlines for submitting the material. – The deadlines for submitting the material for each campaign and species shall be as follows:

winter common wheat: 15 September,
spring common wheat: 15 September,
spelt wheat: 15 September,
durum wheat: 15 September,
winter barley: 15 September,
spring barley: 15 September,
winter oats: 15 September,
spring oats: 15 September,
rye: 15 September,
triticale: 15 September,
rice: 1 February.

Two. Annex III(2), (3) and (4) read as follows:

‘2. Deadlines for submitting registration applications. – The deadlines for submitting applications shall be as follows:

maize: 15 January,

sorghum, Sudan grass, sorghum-Sudan grass hybrids: 1 January.’

3. Material required for the tests. – In order to carry out the tests and determinations provided for in the General Regulation, for each variety applied for, the following material must be supplied to the warehouses of the National Institute of Agricultural and Food

Research and Technology (Instituto Nacional de Investigación y Tecnología Agraria y Alimentaría – INIA), located at Avda. Padre Huidobro s/n, Carretera de La Coruña, Kilometer 7.5 (28040 Madrid):

For identification tests (first year only, untreated seed):
a) hereditary components (pure lines and simple foundational hybrids):
Maize: 5 000 seeds,
sorghum: 1 kilogram of seed,
Sudan grass: 1 kilogram of seed,
sorghum-Sudan grass hybrids: 1 kilogram of seed.
b) Commercial hybrids and free-pollinated varieties:
maize: 5 000 seeds,
sorghum: 3 kilograms of seeds,
Sudan grass: 3 kilograms of seed,
sorghum-Sudan grass hybrid: 3 kilograms of seed.

When an application is made for the registration of a hybrid variety, it shall be compulsory to submit the relevant material for all the hereditary components involved, as well as for the variety itself, specifying for each of these components whether or not the material is in the public domain and, in any case, its origin.

It shall not be necessary to deliver the hereditary component(s) of a hybrid or synthetic variety, unless expressly requested, if they have already been supplied to the OEVV by the same applicant, for testing in the Register of Commercial Varieties or in the Register of Protected Varieties.

Agronomic value tests (annually):
maize: 25 000 seeds,
sorghum: 3 kilograms of seed,
Sudan grass: 3 kilograms of seed,
sorghum-Sudan grass hybrids: 3 kilograms of seed.

The quantities referred to above shall be provided in cases where registration is sought for the purpose of including the variety in the List of Commercial Varieties; the weight of 1 000 seeds and the germination rate must be stated, which, in the case of maize varieties and genetic components, shall not be less than 80 per cent; these quantities refer to viable seeds.

4. Deadlines for submitting the material. – The deadlines for submitting the material shall be as follows:

maize: 15 February,

sorghum, Sudan grass, sorghum-Sudan grass hybrids: 1 February.'

Three. Annex IV(2), (3) and (4) read as follows:

'2. Deadlines for submitting registration applications. – The deadlines for submitting applications for each campaign shall be as follows:
Alfalfa: 1 January,
bent grass, cocksfoot, fescues, Bermuda grass, Poa, ryegrass and clovers: 1 June,

lupins, Narbonne vetch, sainfoin, chickpea, field pea, forage beans, lentils, vetches, bitter vetch and sulla clover: 15 August.

3. Material required for the tests. – In order to carry out the tests and determinations provided for in the General Regulation, for each variety applied for, the following material must be supplied to the warehouses of the National Institute of Agricultural and Food Research and Technology (Instituto Nacional de Investigación y Tecnología Agraria y Alimentaría – INIA), located at Avda. Padre Huidobro s/n, Carretera de La Coruña, Km 7.5, 28023 Madrid, with the exception of identification material for chickpea and lupin species, which shall be delivered to the INIA Centro de Semillas, Plaza de España, Sector 3, 41013 Seville.

For identification tests (first year only, untreated seeds):

alfalfa, bentgrass, cocksfoot, fescues, Bermuda grass, Poa, ryegrass and clovers: 1 kilogram of seed,
lupins and chickpeas: 5 kilograms of seed,
lentils and bitter vetch: 3 kilograms of seed,
sainfoin and sulla clover: 2 kilograms of seed,
Narbonne vetch, vetches, field pea and forage broad beans: 3 kilograms of seed.

For tests of agronomic value (annually, treated seed):

alfalfa, bentgrass, cocksfoot, fescues, Bermuda grass, Poa, ryegrass and clovers: 2 kilograms of seed,
sainfoin, bitter vetch and sulla clover: 15 kilograms of seed,
lupins, Narbonne vetch, chickpeas and vetches: 25 kilograms of seed,
lentils: 20 kilograms of seed,
field pea and forage broad beans: 25 kilograms of seed.

4. Deadlines for submitting the material. – The deadlines for submitting the material for each campaign and species shall be as follows:

Alfalfa: 1 February,
bent grass, cocksfoot, fescues, Bermuda grass and Poa, clovers and ryegrass: 1 July,
lupins, sainfoin, chickpeas, field pea, forage broad beans, Narbonne vetch, lentils, vetches, bitter vetch and sulla clover: 15 September.'

Four. Annex V(3) and (4) read as follows:

'3. Material required for the tests.

Identification tests (first year only, untreated seed):

opium poppy: 100 grams of seed,
cotton: 5 kilograms of seed,
hemp:
a) commercial hybrids and non-hybrid varieties: 1 kilogram of seed,
b) hereditary components: 100 grams of seed of each component,

safflower: 1 kilogram of seed,

rape:

a) hereditary components: CMS system: 350 grams of seed (B, Rf); 150 grams per year (A) of seed,

b) hereditary components: CMS system: 350 g (B, C, R); 150 grams per year (A) of seed,

c) spring rape: 1 kilogram of seed,

d) winter rape: 1 kilogram of seed,

sunflower:

a) hereditary components (foundation simple hybrids, 'A' androsterile lines and 'R' restorative lines): 500 grams,

b) maintenance line 'B': 100 grams of seed, except when used as a pollinator for the production of foundation hybrids, in which case 500 grams of seed must be supplied,

c) commercial hybrids and open-pollinated varieties: 2 kilograms of seed,

flax: 3 kilograms of seed,

soya: 5 kilograms of seed.

When an application is made for the registration of a hybrid or synthetic variety, it shall be compulsory to submit the relevant material for all the hereditary components involved, as well as for the variety itself, specifying for each of these hereditary components whether or not the material is in the public domain and, in any case, its origin.

It shall not be necessary to deliver the hereditary component(s) of a hybrid or synthetic variety, unless expressly requested, if they have already been supplied to the OEVV by the same applicant, for testing in the Register of Commercial Varieties or in the Register of Protected Varieties.

Agronomic value tests (annually):

opium poppy: 200 grams of seed,

cotton: 10 kilograms of seed,

hemp: 5 kilograms of seed,

safflower: 10 kilograms of seed,

rape and associated:

a) commercial hybrid and non-hybrid varieties: 3 kilograms of seed;

b) associated: 3 kilograms of seed, with the androsterile hybrid and pollinator varieties supplied separately, with different colour treatments;

sunflower: 3 kilograms of seed,

flax: 10 kilograms of seed,

soya: 15 kilograms of seed.

4. Deadlines for submitting the material. – The deadlines for submitting the material for each campaign and species shall be as follows:

opium poppy: 1 September,

cotton: 1 February, except for ornamental cotton: 15 February,

hemp: 1 March.

safflower: 1 January,

rape: 10 August,

sunflower: 15 January,

flax: 1 January,
soya: 1 February.'

Five. Annex VII(2), (3) and (4) read as follows:

'2. Deadlines for submitting registration applications. – The deadlines for submitting applications for each campaign shall be as follows:

1 January: aubergine, asparagus, melon, cucumber and gherkin,
15 January: sweetcorn and popcorn seed,
1 February: courgette, pumpkin, beans, interspecific hybrids of the genus Cucurbita,
1 March: Brussels sprouts, savoy cabbage, fodder cabbage or collard, red cabbage, white cabbage,
1 April: celery and celeriac, radish and small radish, tomato (summer), hairy tomato, carrot, interspecific hybrids of the genus lycopersicon,
1 May: artichoke, broccoli, cardoon, napa cabbage, cauliflower, kohlrabi, endive, plain-leaved endive, spinach, turnip, parsley, chervil,
31 May: onions, spring onions, chives, shallots,
1 June: shallot (vegetative material), pepper (vegetative material and autumn), leek, cherry tomato,
1 August: garlic,
15 August: peas, broad bean,
1 November: Lettuce, tomato (vegetative material), tomato (spring) indet.,
30 December: artichoke (vegetative material),
31 December: watermelon.

3. Materials required for tests (untreated seed, send only in the first year except for garlic). Hereditary components will be studied upon request.

Chard: 100 grams or 5 000 seeds,
chicory: 50 grams or 5 000 seeds,
garlic: 70 sanitised heads per test year,
artichoke: 100 grams or 1 500 seeds,
artichoke (vegetative material): 60 plants,
celery and celeriac: 60 grams or 15 000 seeds,
aubergines: 20 grams,
borage: 40 grams or 2 000 seeds,
broccoli: 25 grams or 5 000 seeds,
pumpkin: 800 grams,
cider pumpkin: 600 grams,
calabash: 800 grams,
squash: 800 grams,
courgette: 600 grams,
cardoon: 100 grams or 1 500 seeds,
onion: 100 grams or 1 500 seeds,
spring onion: 100 grams or 1 500 seeds,
chive: 100 grams or 1 500 seeds,
shallot: 100 grams or 1 500 seeds,
shallot (vegetative material): 100 bulbs,
parsnip: 50 grams,

Brussels sprouts: 40 grams,
Savoy cabbages: 40 grams,
forage cabbage or collard greens: 40 grams,
napa cabbage: 50 grams or 5 000 seeds,
cauliflower: 50 grams or 5 000 seeds,
kohlrabi: 40 grams,
kohlrabi: 40 grams,
endive: 50 grams or 5 000 seeds,
plain-leaved endive: 20 grams or 5 000 seeds,
asparagus: 100 grams,
spinach: 200 grams or 15 000 seeds,
pea: 3 kilograms,
broad beans: 3 kilograms,
interspecific hybrids of the genus Cucurbita: 800 grams,
interspecific hybrids of the genus Lycopersicon: 20 grams or 5 000 seeds,
fennel: 50 grams,
beans: 3 kilograms,
scarlet runner beans: 5 kilograms,
lettuce: 30 grams or 14 000 seeds.
red cabbage: 40 grams,
melon: 150 grams,
turnip: 40 grams,
sweetcorn and popcorn seed: 5 000 seeds, for hybrids and breeding lines,
cucumber and gherkin: 50 plants,
parsley: 25 grams,
chervil: 50 grams or 5 000 seeds,
pepper: 25 grams or 3 000 seeds,
pepper (vegetative material): 40 plants,
leek: 100 grams,
leek (vegetative material): 75 plants,
radish and small radish: 50 grams or 10 000 seeds,
Beetroot: 100 grams or 8 000 seeds,
white cabbage: 40 grams,
white salsify: 50 grams,
black salsify or scorzonera: 50 grams,
watermelon: 1 800 untreated seeds,
tomato: 20 grams or 5 000 seeds,
tomato (vegetative material): 40 plants,
carrot: 20 grams or 5 000 seeds.

4. Deadlines for submitting the material. – The deadlines for submitting material for each campaign and species shall be as follows:

31 January: watermelon,
1 February: aubergine, asparagus, melon,
15 February: sweetcorn and popcorn seed,
1 March: courgette, pumpkin, beans, interspecific hybrids of the genus Cucurbita,
1 April: Brussels sprouts, savoy cabbage, fodder cabbage or collard, red cabbage, white cabbage
1 to 15 April: cucumber and gherkin,
15 April to 1 May: tomatoes (vegetative material),

1 May: celery and celeriac, radish and small radish, tomato (summer), hairy tomato, carrot, interspecific hybrids of the genus lycopersicon,

15 to 30 May: artichoke (vegetative material),

1 June: endive, scarole,

30 June: onions, spring onions, chives, shallots,

1 July: artichoke, pepper (autumn), leek, cherry tomato,

1 to 7 July: peppers (vegetative material),

30 July: cardoon,

1 August: broccoli, napa cabbage, cauliflower, kohlrabi, turnip, parsley, chervil,

15 August: spinach,

1 September: Swiss chard, chicory (cultivar and wild), garlic, borage, fennel, beetroot, salsify,

15 September: pea, broad bean,

25 to 30 September: leek (vegetative material),

1 December: lettuce, pepper (spring), tomato (spring) indet.'

Six. Annex VIII(2), (3) and (4) read as follows:

'2. Closing date for the submission of registration applications. – The closing date for the submission of applications for each marketing year shall be 31 December for all varieties.

3. Material required for the tests.

Rootstocks: 10 one-year-old rooted cuttings not derived from herbaceous material.

Viniferous or table varieties: 10 one-year-old rooted plants grafted onto 110 Ritcher rootstock not derived from herbaceous material.

Due to the risk of somaclonal variation, plants resulting from meristematic tissue shall not be accepted.

This material shall have adequate vigour to ensure its viability and shall meet the following conditions:

Health:

plants visibly healthy and free from communicable diseases.

Accompanied by a serological analysis certificate issued by an authorised laboratory, showing a negative result for the viral diseases specified in the Technical Regulation on the control and certification of nursery grown vine plants for the certified category.

treatments:

it must not have been subjected to unauthorised chemical treatment. If treatment has been carried out, detailed information shall be provided about the treatments and products used.

It shall not come directly from a heat treatment process unless it has first been checked to ensure it is compatible with the original material.

Method of production: the sample material must not have been obtained using the in vitro technique.

Labelling: the entire sample must be sealed as a whole or, failing that, individually, and must bear an identification label containing the following information:

species
variety
applicant
clone, where applicable.

Imports: material originating from another country must comply with all applicable customs and phytosanitary requirements.

4. Deadline for submitting the material. – The deadline for submitting material is between 1 February and 15 March each year.'

Seven. Annex IX(2), (3), (4) and (6) read as follows:

'2. Deadlines for submitting registration applications. – The deadlines for submitting applications shall be as follows:

apricot tree: 30 October,
almond tree: 15 November,
almond tree x peach tree: 1 December,
cherry tree: 15 November,
European plum: 1 December,
Japanese plum: 30 November,
apple tree: 1 December,
peach tree (early varieties): 1 October,
peach tree (mid-season and late varieties): 30 October,
pear tree: 1 November,
Cydonia genus rootstock and their hybrids: 1 December,
Malus genus rootstock and their hybrids: 1 December,
Prunus genus rootstock and their hybrids: 1 December,
Pyrus genus rootstock and their hybrids: 1 December,

3. Material required for the tests. – The material required for tests shall only be sent in the first year:

apricot tree: 9 one-year-old grafted plants on Mirobolán 29C rootstock,
almond tree: 9 one-year-old grafted plants on GF677 clonal rootstock,
almond tree x peach tree: 15 self-rooted seedlings,
cherry tree: 9 one-year-old grafted plants on Adara clonal rootstock,
European plum: 10 one-year-old grafted plants on San Julian A clonal rootstock,
Japanese plum: 9 one-year-old grafted plants on GF677 clonal rootstock,
apple tree: varieties obtained by cross-breeding, 10 one-year-old grafted plants on M9 clonal rootstock,
varieties obtained by mutation, 15 one-year-old grafted plants on M26 clonal rootstock,
peach tree: 9 one-year-old grafted plants on GF677 clonal rootstock,

pear tree: varieties obtained by cross-breeding, 10 one-year-old grafted plants on OHF 87 clonal rootstock. varieties obtained by mutation, 15 plants in the same conditions as for cross-breeding,

Cydonia genus rootstock and their hybrids: 25 self-rooted seedlings,
Malus genus rootstock and their hybrids: 25 self-rooted seedlings,
Prunus genus rootstock and their hybrids: 15 self-rooted seedlings,
Pyrus genus rootstock and their hybrids: 25 self-rooted seedlings,

4. Dates for submitting material. – The deadlines for submitting material shall be as follows:

apricot tree: from 1 to 31 January,
almond tree: from 10 January to 10 February,
almond tree x peach tree: from 10 January to 15 February,
cherry tree: from 10 January to 15 February,
European plum: from 10 January to 28 February,
Japanese plum: from 1 to 31 January,
apple tree: from 10 January to 28 February,
peach tree (early varieties): from 1 December to 31 January,
peach tree (mid-season and late varieties): from 10 January to 10 February,
pear tree: from 10 January to 15 February,
Cydonia genus rootstock and their hybrids: from 10 January to 15 February,
Malus genus rootstock and their hybrids: from 10 January to 10 February,
Prunus genus rootstock and their hybrids: from 10 January to 10 February, *Pyrus* genus rootstock and their hybrids: from 10 January to 15 February.

6. Protocols for distinctness, uniformity and stability tests.

This provision shall not apply to those varieties of the species listed below for which observations of their characteristics began before 1 November 2026. This new test protocol shall apply on the deadline for submitting plant material established for the first year of testing.

Species that comply with the CPVO test protocols ([1]):

Scientific Name	Common Name	Protocol
Prunus armeniaca L.	Apricot tree	TP 070/3 of 31.03.2023
Prunus avium L./Prunus *cerasus* L.	Cherry tree	TP 035/3 of 14.03.2025
Prunus domestica L.	European plum	TP 041/1 of 06.11.2003
Prunus dulcis (Mill) D.A. Webb	Almond tree	TP 056/2 of 28.06.2021
Prunus salicina Lindl.	Japanese plum	TP 084/3 of 19.03.2019
Malus domestica Borkh.	Apple tree	TP 014/3 of 14.08.2025
Prunus persica (L.) Batsch.	Peach tree	TP 053/2 Rev. 2 of 28.11.2023
Prunus genus rootstock and their hybrids	–	TP 187/2 of 11.03.2015
Pyrus communis L.	Pear tree	TP 015/1 of 27.03.2003

([1]) The text of these protocols may be consulted on the CPVO website (www.cpvo.europa.eu).

Eight. Annex X(1), (2), (3), (4) and (6) read as follows:

‘1. Scope. – The scope of this Regulation includes all varieties of the following species:

lime tree: *Citrus aurantiifolia* (Chistm.) Swingle./*Citrus limetta* Risso,
lemon tree: *Citrus limon* (L.) Burm. f.,
mandarin tree: *Citrus reticulata* White/*Citrus* nobilis Lour./and hybrids,
orange tree: *Citrus sinensis* Osbeck/*Citrus aurantium* L.,
grapefruit tree: *Citrus paradisi*. Macf.,
pomelo tree: *Citrus grandis* Osbeck,
Citrus, *Poncirus* genus rootstock and their hybrids

2. Deadlines for submitting registration applications. – The deadlines for submitting applications shall be as follows:

lime tree: 15 April,
lemon tree: 15 April,
mandarin tree: 15 April,
orange tree: 15 April,
grapefruit tree: 15 April,
pomelo tree: 15 April,
Citrus, *Poncirus* genus rootstock and their hybrids: 15 April,

3. Material required for the tests. – The material required for tests shall only be sent in the first year:

lime tree: 8 cuttings with at least 10 usable buds each,
lemon tree: 8 cuttings with at least 10 usable buds each,
mandarin tree: 8 cuttings with at least 10 usable buds each,
orange tree: 8 cuttings with at least 10 usable buds each,
grapefruit tree: 8 cuttings with at least 10 usable buds each,
pomelo tree: 8 cuttings with at least 10 usable buds each,
Citrus, *Poncirus* genus rootstock and their hybrids: 4 one-year-old cuttings of 6 to 10 mm in diameter, with at least 20 usable buds.

4. Dates for submitting material. – The deadlines for submitting material shall be as follows:

lime tree: 15 May to 30 June,
lemon tree: 15 May to 30 June,
mandarin tree: 15 May to 30 June,
orange tree: 15 May to 30 June,
grapefruit tree: 15 May to 30 June,
pomelo tree: 15 May to 30 June,
Citrus, *Poncirus* genus rootstock and their hybrids: 15 May to 30 June

6. Protocols for distinctness, uniformity and stability tests.

This provision shall not apply to those varieties of the species listed below for which observations of their characteristics began before 1 November 2026. This new test protocol shall apply to varieties for which the first observations of characteristics in the first fruiting cycle are carried out after its entry into force.

Species that comply with the CPVO test protocols ([1]):

Scientific Name	Common Name	Protocol
Citrus aurantiifolia (Chistm.) Swingle/*Citrus limetta* Risso	Lime tree	TP 203/1 of 18.11.2004
Citrus limon (L.) Burm. f.	Lemon tree	TP 203/1 of 18.11.2004
Citrus reticulata White/*Citrus nobilis* Lour./and hybrids	Mandarin	TP 201/2 Rev. of 19.04.2016
Citrus sinensis Osbeck/ *Citrus aurantium* L.	Orange tree	TP 202/1 of 18.11.2004
Citrus x *paradisi* Macfad.	Grapefruit tree	TP 204/1 of 19.03.2014
Citrus grandis Osbeck	Pomelo	TP 204/1 of 19.03.2014
Citrus, *Poncirus* genus rootstock and their hybrids	–	TP 083/1 of 18.11.2004

([1]) The text of these protocols is available on the CPVO website (www.cpvo.europa.eu).'

Nine. Annex XI(2), (4) and (6) read as follows:

'2. Deadlines for submitting registration applications. – The deadline for submitting applications shall be 20 August.

4. Dates for submitting material. – The deadline for submitting plant material shall be between 10 and 20 October for vegetative material and 1 April for seed.

6. Protocols for distinctness, uniformity and stability tests.

This provision shall not apply to those varieties of the species listed below for which observations of their characteristics began before 1 November 2026. This new test protocol shall apply on the deadline for submitting plant material established for the first year of testing.

Species that comply with the CPVO test protocols ([1]):

Scientific name	Common name	Protocol
Fragaria x *ananassa* Duchense ex Rozier	Strawberry	TP 022/4 of 14.03.2025

([1]) The text of these protocols is available on the CPVO website (www.cpvo.europa.eu).'

Ten. Annex XII(2), (3) and (4) read as follows:

'2. Deadlines for submitting registration applications. – The deadline for submitting applications shall be as follows:

olive tree: 1 December

3. Material required for the tests. – The material required for tests shall only be sent in the first year:

olive tree: 10 one-year-old self-rooted plants, each at least 50 cm tall. In vitro material shall not be accepted.

4. Dates for submitting material. – The deadline for submitting material shall be as follows:

olive tree: from 1 February to 31 March'.

Eleven. Annex XIII(2), (3) and (4) read as follows:

'2. Deadlines for submitting registration applications. – The deadlines for submitting applications shall be as follows:

Fig tree: 1 November.

3. Material required for the tests. – The material required for tests shall only be sent in the first year:

9 bare-rooted plants.

4. Dates for submitting material. – The deadlines for submitting material shall be as follows:

from 1 January to 15 February.

In the event that the plant material is rendered unusable due to an accident, the applicant shall, upon the request of the Register of Commercial Varieties, resend the material.'

Sole final provision. *Entry into force*.

This order shall enter into force on 1 November 2026.