

पौधा किस्म और कृषक अधिकार संरक्षण प्राधिकरण, Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Rights Authority कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India एन ए एस सी काम्प्लैक्स, डी पी एस मार्ग,निकट टोडापुर गांव, नई दिल्ली-110012 NASC Complex, DPS Marg, Opp. Todapur Village,New Delhi 110012 Tel: 011 - 25843316, Fax: 011-25840478, E-mail:- rg-ppvfra@nic.in www.plantauthority.gov.in

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Sub: - Lockdown period not to be included while computing novelty for new varieties under Section 15(3)(a) of PPV&FR Act, 2001-Reg.

Due to nationwide lockdown to contain COVID-19, the period from 25^{th} March, 2020 to 31^{st} May, 2020 and the opening up of transport services from June 1, 2020 the period of up to 15/06/20 from 25/3/20 (both days inclusive) will be excluded while computing the period of one year for novelty purposes under Section 15(3)(a) of PPV&FR Act, 2001. Applications for new varieties with such claim shall be accepted at the Authority till 11/8/2020 for the adjusted validity period of 12 months in India or 4 years in case of field crops and 6 years in case of trees and vines outside India of Novelty claims falling due during the period 25/3/20 to 15/6/20. However, the same relaxation shall not be extended for the applications submitted from 16.6.2020 from which date, the application with the seed with the seed shall be treated as per the regular practice following the standard accepted novelty period as before. No claim for the relaxation period shall be accepted for the applications reaching the Authority Headquarters or branches after 11/8/2020 for the said validity period of novelty date falling due after 25/3/2020 and before 16/6/2020.

-/Sd (Ravi Prakash) Registrar