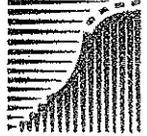


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		TRCDL/2008/1099	April 24, 2008
re:		extension no.	enclosures
Notification regarding the contribution of the Netherlands to the Multilateral System		+ 31 70 3785016	

Dear mr. Bhatti,

The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (the Treaty) has established a Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing.

Regarding the coverage of the Multilateral System, Article 11 specifies that the Multilateral System shall include all plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in Annex 1 that are under the management and control of the Contracting Parties and in the public domain, and that Contracting Parties invite other holders of the plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in Annex 1 to include these in the Multilateral System.

Herewith, the Netherlands wishes to notify to you that the following plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in Annex 1 and maintained in the Netherlands have been included in the Multilateral System.

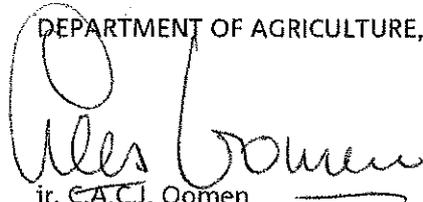
1. The collections held by the Centre for Genetic Resources, the Netherlands of Wageningen University Research Centre, located in Wageningen. Through the website <http://www.cgn.wur.nl> detailed data on the composition of the collection and user procedures to order samples are readily available.
2. The Solanaceae collection held by the Radboud University in Nijmegen and consisting of non-tuber bearing wild species. The website <http://www.bgard.science.ru.nl> provides access to the collection's database.
3. The apple collection of the Pomologische Vereniging Noord-Holland that contains traditional Dutch apple varieties. Information about this collection is available through <http://www.applescollecties.nl>.
4. The apple collection of the Stichting Fruithof Frederiksoord that contains traditional Dutch apple varieties. Information about this collection is available through <http://www.fruithof-frederiksoord.nl>

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— Germplasm held in the collections listed above will be made available to users under the conditions of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement of the Treaty.

I hope and trust that this information is useful to you.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,

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STATUS COLLECTIONS PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES CGN

The Centre for Genetic Resources, the Netherlands manages under a mandate of the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (LNV) collections of plant genetic resources. Regarding access to and benefit-sharing arising from the use of genetic resources binding agreements have been made in the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (IT). As a result of these agreements conditions are set to access by users of the collections of CGN, which form part of the public domain. In agreement with the Ministry of LNV, this position statement specifies the conditions set to such access.

CGN distinguishes three categories of germplasm in relation to its legal status:

1. *Genetic resources of crops listed in Annex 1 of the International Treaty (Trb. 2002, 134, herein after referred to as IT).* These collections form part of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-Sharing of the IT. Access to these collections will be provided under a standard Material Transfer Agreement (MTA) which will be adopted by the Governing Body of the IT after entering into force of the IT. CGN will adopt this standard MTA.
2. *Genetic resources that have not been listed in annex 1 of the IT, and that have been acquired by CGN after the entering into force of the Convention on Biological Diversity (Trb. 1992, 164 en 1993, 54, herein after referred to as CBD) at 1 January, 1994.* These resources are subject to the national sovereignty of the country of origin. CGN will impose on the user the conditions set by the country of origin to the use of said resources. Where appropriate, CGN will adapt the standard MTA, mentioned under 1., to incorporate additional conditions set by the country of origin, provided that such additional conditions are in agreement with the IT, the CBD and international agreements on intellectual property, such as the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (Trb. 1962, nr. 121, herein after referred to as UPOV).
3. *All other genetic resources, that have not been listed in annex 1 of the IT, and that have been acquired by CGN before 1 January, 1994.* The status of this germplasm regarding access and benefit-sharing is not covered by international agreements. In principle, CGN will provide this germplasm to the user under conditions identical to those stated in the standard MTA of the IT, including additional conditions - if appropriate - required by the country of origin, provided that such additional conditions are in agreement with the IT, the CBD and international agreements on intellectual property, such as UPOV). The standard MTA to be adopted will be used as a basis. This implies that where possible the rules for exchange of germplasm under this category will be in line with those of the germplasm in the Multilateral System of the IT.

Until the Governing Body of the IT has adopted a standard MTA, CGN will make use of an interim MTA.

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