

# Time Frames and Due Dates

## Publication Dates

The publication *plant.var* appears on the following dates:

- January 31<sup>st</sup>
- March 31<sup>st</sup>
- May 31<sup>st</sup>
- July 31<sup>st</sup>
- September 30<sup>th</sup>
- November 30<sup>th</sup>

and so with applications the registration fee must be received by the Office at the latest by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the relevant month. Forms for variety denominations or amendment documents, e.g. for a change of agent, must be received by the 20<sup>th</sup> in order to meet the corresponding publication date.

## Annual Fees

- At the **beginning of October** the lists are sent to the variety owner or his representative to inquire whether the variety protection is to be extended for the following year or terminated.
- These variety lists must be returned to the Plant Variety Rights Office by **November 30<sup>th</sup>**.
- As soon as the variety list has been received at the Office, a statement of account with the annual fees will be drawn up. The annual fees must be paid **at the latest by December 31<sup>st</sup>**, or else the variety will be irrevocably deleted.

## Filing Date

The date on which the file documents were submitted to the Plant Variety Rights Office **does not constitute** the valid filing date. The official filing date of a variety shall be taken as that date on which the registration fee was paid and all application documents have been filed.