

Title for Laurent Manderieux's presentation

The legal protection of new varieties of plants in the post-TRIPS environment

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The WTO TRIPS Agreement contains detailed provisions on how States should implement protection regimes for new varieties of plants. Since the signature of the WTO Agreement seventeen years have elapsed, marked by many accessions of States to the UPOV Convention and major changes in the understanding and effectiveness of plant variety protection issues worldwide: how, in practice, the international and national legal framework for the protection regimes for new varieties of plants has evolved in the light of the WTO TRIPS Agreement? What further steps in the reinforcement of legal protection for new plant varieties can be expected? Why resistances to current options for further legal protection of new varieties of plants may be stronger than at the time of the conclusion of the TRIPS Agreement? These three issues remain widely discussed, and open for debate, in multiple intergovernmental and non-governmental for a.

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