

To the Secretary of the International Treaty
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Dear Shakeel

Re: notification about the contribution of the United Kingdom to the Multilateral System

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 I* 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 I* to include these in the Multilateral System.

Herewith, the Department of Environment Food and Rural Affairs wishes to notify to you that the following plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in *Annex I* and maintained in the United Kingdom have been included in the Multilateral System.

1. 2,223 accessions of *Malus* held by the National Fruit Collection located in Brogdale, England.
www.nationalfruitcollection.org.uk/
2. The Wild Species Collection held in the Millennium Seed Bank by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Wakehurst Place, England. Those currently available are shown at:
<http://data.kew.org/seedlist/itpgrfalist.html>
3. 7,825 accessions held by the Genetic Resources Unit at Warwick Horticulture Research International, located in Wellesbourne, England.
www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/whri/

4. The John Innes Pisum Collection and the BBSRC Cereals Collection (*Triticum*, *Hordeum* and *Avena*) collections held by the John Innes Centre (Institute code GBR011), research centre in plant and microbial science, located in Norwich, England.
www.jic.ac.uk/corporate/index.htm
5. The Forage Grass and Legume collection held by the Institute of Biological, Environmental and Rural Sciences, Aberystwyth University located in Ceredigion, Wales.
www.igergru.ibers.aber.ac.uk
6. The potato, flax and apple collections held by the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute, agricultural research institute located in Loughgall, Co Armagh, Northern Ireland.
www.afbini.gov.uk/
7. The Cultivated Variety Collections held by the Scottish Government at Science and Advice for Scottish Agriculture located in Edinburgh, Scotland.
www.sasa.gov.uk/
8. The Commonwealth Potato Collection at the Scottish Crop Research Institute for plant research, located in Invergowrie, Scotland.
www.scri.ac.uk/

Detailed data of material currently available can be found at www.eurisco.ecpgr.org

Germplasm held in the collections listed above will be made available to users under the conditions of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

Yours sincerely



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