

The Intellectual Property Rights for New Plant Varieties: A Malaysian Perspective

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Abstract

It is an obligation for a signatory country of a Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property (TRIPS) Agreement to provide intellectual property rights protection for new varieties of plants. Malaysia, for that purpose, has fulfilled its international obligation by enacting the Protection of New Plant Varieties Act 2004. The Act provides recognition and protection of contribution made by the farmers, local communities and indigenous people towards the creation of new plant varieties. This paper is aimed to give an overview of the Malaysian Protection of New Plant Varieties Act 2004.