

## **Explanation of fees Board for plant varieties 2024**

### **Indexation of fees compared to 2023**

An indexation of 10.0% on average has been applied to all Board fees of 2023. This is based on the expected wage and price cost development in the year 2024.

### **Application fees 2024**

In addition to the 10% indexation, the 2024 fee proposal for applications submitted online also includes the user fee of €25. The user fee is the fee charged by CPVO for using CPVO's online application system. This applies to all sectors.

### **New tariff for DUS research True Potato Seeds (TPS)**

The Technical Protocol for TPS research is expected to be approved by the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO) by the end of 2023. Then, from 1 January 2024, the DUS research can take place for a (national) application. At € 4.852 (per research year), the research fee for TPS is higher than that for vegetative applications in the potato crop. This is mainly because growing plants from seed is more labour intensive. This involves planting, irrigation, insect control and repotting the plants. Observations also take more time. This is involved in setting up a cost- covering fee for the DUS-test True Potato Seeds (TPS).