

PRACTICE NOTE TO GUIDELINE 1 OF 2012

INTERPRETATION OF THE SCOPE OF THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS FROM PUBLICLY FINANCED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT: SETTING THE SCENE

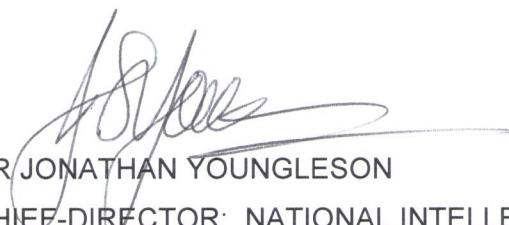
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Currently, and strictly until advised to the contrary, NIPMO requires the following types of intellectual property (IP) generated as a result of a research and development (R&D) activity which is publicly financed to be reported on:

- All patentable **inventions**;
- All **new plant varieties**;
- All registerable, **aesthetic and functional designs**;
- All **trade marks** that are associated with a **new plant variety** or that result from **commercialisation** of other forms of IP;
- All **computer software (with a scientific and/or technological application)**; and
- All **new and improved methods of testing and standardisation (see Table 3 (2) of Guideline 1 of 2012)**.

OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE:

All recipients of public funds **MUST** put in place methods and systems to assess, record and report on all other forms of IP in so far as the other forms of IP result from R&D activities and for which public funds have been allocated.


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