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LIST OF CLASSES FOR VARIETY DENOMINATIONS

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After the preparation of document TC/XVIII/9, the Office of UPOV received additional observations on the 1973 List of Classes for Variety Denominations from South Africa and the United States of America. In both cases there is agreement to the basic principle of one genus forming one class. The expert from South Africa indicates agreement with the "suggestion that the present list of classes be maintained and the creation of new classes be based on genera exceptions," but satisfaction with the present list of classes. The expert from the United States of America indicates that they cannot agree "that the present twenty-four classes should be retained as part of the variety naming system." He further states that "this deviation from the agreed upon general rule seems to disregard botanical considerations, nor do we see that it is needed for the protection of consumers."

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