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Quality Assurance in DUS examination as applied in the EU. The organisation of a quality audit. 欧盟DUS审查质量保障及审计程序

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Introduction to the CPVO and QAS

简介：欧盟植物品种局（CPVO）、 质量审计服务（QAS）



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Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO):

欧盟植物品种局 (CPVO) :

Agency of the EU operational since 1995
and currently based in Angers, France. ///
1995年成立的欧盟机构，位于法国昂热。

Mission Statement:

使命宣言：

'To deliver and promote an efficient Intellectual Property Rights system that supports the creation of new plant varieties for the benefit of Society'///

“设立、促进高效知识产权体系，支持植物新品种体系建设，造福社会”



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Benefits of the CPVO EU-wide system /// CPVO: 欧盟体系的优势

- 1 application and protection covering all 27 EU countries

1套申请和保护体系，涵盖27个成员国

- 1 fee payment for all 27 EU countries

1项费用，面向27个成员国

- 1 technical examination valid for all 27 EU countries

1次技术审查，适用27成员国

- 1 interlocutor between the breeder and the granting authority

1位对接人，连接育种者和新品种审评机构



CPVO Examination offices /// CPVO测试中心

- When the EU PVR system was created it was decided to use the **testing facilities** already existing in the **EU Member States**, for the assessment of the DUS criteria of candidate varieties /// 欧盟植物品种权保护制度规定使用**欧盟成员国**已有的**测试设施**，对待测品种进行DUS审查。
- Where no examination office within the EU is available for testing a particular species, the Office may collaborate with offices outside the EU /// 对于欧盟内部不具备测试中心的物种，CPVO可以与欧盟外部机构开展合作。



CPVO
Community Plant Variety Office



DUS examination offices in the EU

欧盟DUS测试中心

The red dots represent the headquarters of entrusted Examination Offices carrying out DUS technical examinations on behalf of the CPVO

红点：代表欧盟植物品种局受委托开展DUS审查的测试中心所在地



Quality Audit Service - QAS /// 质量审计服务 (QAS)

An **independent service of the CPVO to assess the competence of examination offices to achieve entrustment/accreditation** /// QAS对测试机构的委托 / 认证资质进行评价，是欧盟植物品种局独立部门

- Under the authority of the Administrative Council (AC) /// 经行政理事会授权
- Monitored by the Audit Advisory Board (AAB) /// 由审计顾问委员会监督
- Staffed by 1 permanent CPVO staff (QAS Team Leader) and 32 external technical experts from EU examination offices /// 配备1位欧盟植物品种局人员 (QAS团队负责人) 和32位外部技术专家 (来自欧盟测试机构)

质量审计服务

Quality Audit Service
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行政理事会

Administrative Council
Chair: Jose Antonio Sobrino Mate (ES)

Board of Appeal
Chair: vacant

上诉委员会

CPVO Presidency CPVO局办

President
Francesco Mattina

局长

Vice-President
Vacant – F. Mattina (f.f.)

副局长

Senior Adviser
Dirk Theobald

Building & Projects
James Moran

高级顾问

行政（楼宇、项目管理）

法务治理部 人力资源部

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Montserrat Garcia-Moncò Fuente

People & Resources Unit
Annamaria Sideri

Plant Variety Expertise Unit
Jean Maison (f.f.)

Digital Transformation Unit
Gregory Jones

品种业务部

数字化转型部

法务咨询处 会计财务处

Legal Advisory

Accounting & Finance

IT

技术处

IT

采购后勤处 人力资源处

Procurement & Logistics

Human Resources

Technical

登记处 内务管控处

Registry

Internal Control

Denominations

Transformation office

数字化转型办

数字化转型办

数据保护处 对外关系处

Data Protection

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CPVO organisation chart 06/10/2023



Aim of the QAS assessment programme /// QAS评价项目的目标

DUS test results that are: /// DUS测试
结果：

- ✓ Reliable /// 可靠
- ✓ Comparable /// 可比
- ✓ Repeatable /// 可复现

Examination offices that are able to
demonstrate their competence /// 测试
机构能够证明其称职能力



CPVO approach /// CPVO的做法

QUALITY – perceptual, conditional and often subjective? /// **质量：**是否基于感性、附加条件、较为主观？

- Clear **criteria** – Entrustment requirements /// 明确标准—委托测试要求
- Formal **evaluation** – independent audit team /// 正式评价—独立审计团队
- Decision taken by different entity – Administrative Council /// 不同主体作出判定—行政理事会
- Independent **review** - Audit Advisory Board /// 独立审核—审计顾问委员会



Auditing /// 审计



Structured, independent assessment to find evidence for an audit conclusion /// 结构化独立评价，查找形成审计结论的证据



Quality audits focus on the conformance with defined standards
/// 质量审计侧重于是否符合既定标准



Proceed by conducting interviews, listening, identifying, detecting,
gathering evidence, taking notes and comparing /// 审计方法包
括访谈、探听、识别、检测、取证、记录、比较

Entrustment Requirements 委托要求



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Entrustment requirements – legal framework 委托要求：法律框架

- Regulation 2100/94 (Basic Regulation or BR) /// 第2100/94号欧共体理事会条例（基本条例或BR）

Article 55 - The CPVO will ensure that Examination Offices (EO) entrusted by the Administrative Council (AC), shall carry out the DUS test of varieties of the relevant species. /// 第55条：欧盟植物品种局将保证对相关物种之品种进行的DUS测试由行政理事会 (AC) 委托的测试机构 (EO) 完成。

Article 56 – Examination according to the decisions of the Administrative Council and instructions of the CPVO. /// 第56条：审查应根据行政理事会的决定和欧盟植物品种局的指示进行。

- Regulation 874/2009 (Proceedings Regulation or PR) /// 第874/2009号条例（程序条例或PR）

Chapter III (Art. 13-15) – Entrustment proceedings. /// 第三章（第13–15条）：委托程序

- “Entrustment requirements for CPVO Examination Offices”/// “测试机构委托要求”

Updated by the AC on 27 April 2022 /// 由行政理事会于2022年4月27日更新



Entrustment requirements /// 委托要求

Procedure /// 流程

- Entrustment procedure available on the [CPVO Website](#) /// 流程参见[CPVO网站](#)

Objective /// 目标

- Criteria to evaluate competence of Examination Offices, are laid out in following 13 chapters /// 测试中心资质能力评价标准载明于后续13章内容中

The structural framework /// 结构框架

- Chapters 1-7, 13 /// 第1-7章, 第13章

Implementation /// 实施方法

- Establishment of Quality systems at the Examination Offices: Chapter 8
/// 测试中心质量管控体系建设：第8章

Technical capabilities /// 技术能力

- Chapters 10-12 /// 第10-12章

Implementation quality systems /// 质量体系实施

- Document control /// 文件管理
- Registry of activities/procedures /// 活动/程序登记系统
- DUS technical reports /// DUS技术报告
 - Submitted according to schedule /// 按计划提交
 - Reference to the testing protocol /// 参照测试规程
 - Obligation to maintain data /// 数据维护义务
- Internal audits and updates /// 内部审计和更新
- Corrective action measures /// 纠正措施

Technical capabilities /// 技术能力

- Infrastructure: facilities and equipment /// 基础设施：设备设施
- Test protocols and procedures /// 测试规程/步骤
- Handling of plant material /// 植物材料处理
- Variety collections /// 品种集



QAS assessment in practice QAS评价实践

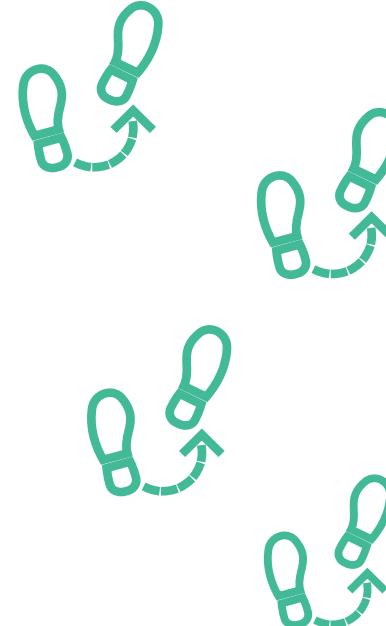


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Assessment mission – step by step /// 评价任务：逐步推进

- Multiannual audit planning /// 多年审计计划
- Annual audit planning /// 年度审计规划
- Audit sample and audit team /// 审计取样和审计团队
- Pre-audit communication /// 审计前沟通
- On-site visit /// 现场检查
- Follow-up and audit conclusion /// 后续及审计结论
- Audit programme evaluation /// 审计项目评价



Multiannual audit planning /// 多年度审计计划

- **Three-year assessment cycle:** each of the 22 entrusted Examination offices audited at least once during that period /// **三年评估周期：**22个委托测试中心在此期间至少接受一次审计
- Risk associated with individual Examination Offices (**complexity and coverage of scope, subcontracting, recent changes**) /// 测试中心相关风险 (**测试复杂度/范围、外协分包、近期变化**)
- Risk associated with the current setup of the programme (**most recent audit sample, current issues, scope extension**) /// 项目设计相关风险 (**最新审计取样、当前问题、测试范围扩容**)
- Incorporating changes required by Administrative Council or as result from programme review /// 应行政理事会要求或项目审计结果，实施相关整改

Annual audit planning /// 年度审计规划

- Even distribution, match-up visiting period with DUS trialling activities /// 时间平均分布，检查周期与DUS试种周期匹配
- Preselection of potential Technical Experts /// 预选潜在技术专家
 - 1 or 2 of 32 Technical Experts (TEs) /// 32位技术专家中的一到两位
 - Management of conflict of interest /// 利益冲突管理
 - Involvement of a maximum of TEs in a QAS cycle (three years) /// QAS周期中（三年），尽可能增加技术专家参与人次
 - Optimal scope-expertise match /// 优化测试范围-专业能力匹配度
- All TEs receive specialised training in auditing techniques at start of each three-year cycle /// 所有技术专家在3年周期开始时接受审计专门培训

Pool of QAS technical experts /// QAS技术专家库



On-site visit & audit /// 现场检查与审计

- Opening meeting /// 启动会议
- Assessment, interviews, inspection /// 评价、访谈、检查
- Coordination amongst team members /// 团队成员间协调
- Feedback to auditee, persons interviewed /// 向审计对象、访谈对象提供反馈
- Audit observations → audit findings /// 观察→发现
- Closing meeting /// 总结会议



On-site assessment activities /// 现场审计活动



Follow-up and audit conclusion /// 后续及审计结论

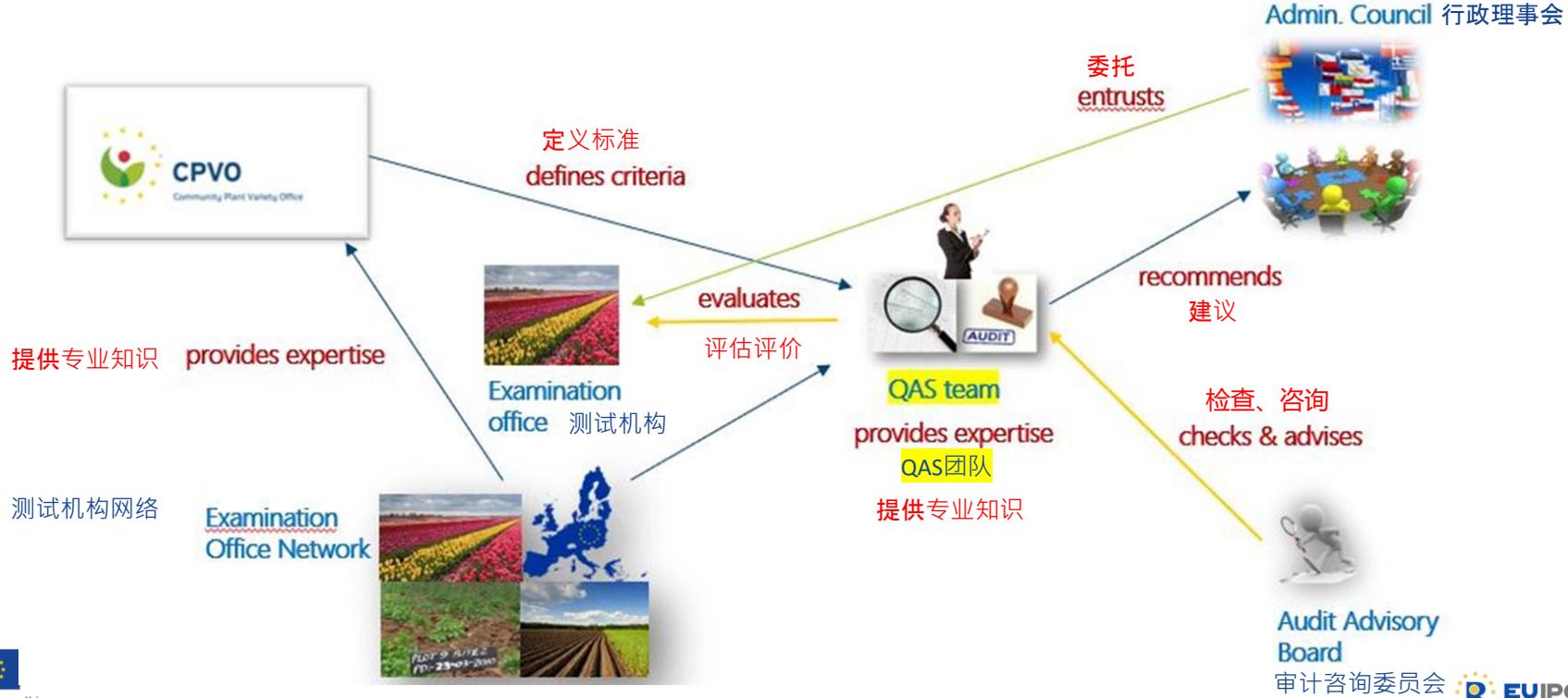
Audit findings presented in closing meeting and audit report /// 总结会议和审计报告中指出审计发现点

Follow-up within defined period (12 weeks): corrective action report /// 规定时间内 (12周) 形成整改报告

Audit conclusion and report to AC /// 审计结论及报告提交行政理事会

Entrustment decision by AC /// 行政理事会宣布委托决定

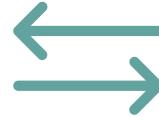
QAS assessment workflow /// QAS评价工作流程



The Entrustment Requirements and the QAS assessments result in: /// 委托要求和QAS评价能够：



- ✓ Improvements in the quality of DUS tests /// 提高DUS测试质量



- ✓ Independence and credibility in the performance of DUS tests /// 加强DUS审查独立性、可信度



- ✓ Possibility to use subcontractors with a guarantee that there will not be a conflict of interests /// 在保证不发生利益冲突的前提下允许外包



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