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NOT ALL UPOV 91 LEGISLATION IS CREATED EQUAL; THE IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE WHEAT BREEDING IN CANADA

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There are Ministerial plans to pass plant breeders rights (PBR) legislation to make Canada compliant with UPOV 91 with the goal of stimulating private investment in crop research. International experience with UPOV 91 reveals a wide range of outcomes depending on the specific royalty setting mechanisms allowed within their domestic legislation. This poster compares three international examples (Australia, United Kingdom (UK) and France) of different UPOV 91 compliant royalty collection systems for wheat to Canada's existing policy. The theoretical revenue potential for each system is derived and compared to the actual revenue performance of each system. The results of the analysis show that while each UPOV 91 compliant model generates more revenue than Canada's current policy, they vary significantly in their effectiveness for both short run and long run revenue potential. The policy implication is that Canadian law makers must have clear understanding of the royalty revenue potential as they design UPOV 91 compliant regulations, because minor changes in the royalty setting mechanism can have large implications for revenue generation and private breeding investment in non hybrid crops.