

**Law No. 144 of 2019 amending some provisions of the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights Law promulgated by Law No. 82 of 2002.**

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**The amendment in question concerning the law No. 82 of 2002 has concentrated itself on the varieties and acts of Plants protected by this law. Thereby, the law has broadened the scopes of protection, and increased time limits of notification to the Authorities, as will be shown below.**

**- Article 192 / third paragraph**

The new law gave the Office of Plant Variety Protection the option to conduct the necessary tests either by itself or by commissioning others. Moreover, the new law made another amendment to the same article, which obliged the Office of Plant Variety Protection to take into consideration the results of agricultural tests or other tests initiated earlier.

**- Article 193 / third paragraph**

The new law limited the scope of application of interim measures to the protection of breeder's interests, as it restricted its application on the persons who were notified by the breeder of the submitted request.

**- Article 194 / last paragraph**

The new law added a new option to acquire essentially derivative varieties which is selecting an induced mutation.

**- Article 195 / first paragraph / clause 3**

The amendment to the law narrowed the acts of the breeder's right covered by the law, by referring to the first two paragraphs of Article 194 of the Law.

**- Article 198**

The Amendment broadened the scope of acts that are not covered by the protection granted to breeders as stipulated therein, as it added a new text "or outside the Arab Republic of Egypt". The new amendment further added another condition with regards to the exported types, that they are

not protected. Additionally, the amendment added to the acts not protected any product made directly from harvested material.

**- Article 201 / fourth paragraph, and article 202**

The new law amended the durations mentioned in those two articles from thirty days to sixty days.

**- Article 202 bis / (1)**

The new law amended the scope of application of the provisions of the Fourth Book of the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights law by making it applicable to the types and plant species specified by the Minister of Agriculture. It shall also apply to all types and species after the lapse of ten years from the effective date of this amendment.