

Spain: Agreement signed for varietal identification of citrus and other fruits

The signing of the agreement which will allow the Ministry of Agriculture and the Valencian Institute of Agrarian Research (IVIA) to carry out the varietal identification of citrus and other fruits has been endorsed by the Council of Ministers. The technical examinations will be conducted on both citrus and other fruits like peaches (early and extra-early varieties), Japanese plums, apricots, persimmons, pomegranates and loquats, and will be funded by the Ministry of Agriculture with 449,582 Euro.

The agreement has been reached within the framework of the EU legislation oriented towards the protection of plant varieties. The technical examination is a prerequisite for the granting of plant breeder's rights and the product's registration in the Register of Commercial Varieties. Its implementation is the responsibility of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment, which will delegate the responsibility of these technical inspections to the Ivia, which will provide staff, equipment and resources.

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