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Implementation of the Plant Variety Protection Enhancement

This enhancement will allow extramural and agency users to enter a new "patent type" of PVP - Plant Variety Protection. *Please note that while PVP is referenced as a patent type, it is not truly a patent type. Please see below for a brief description of a PVP.*

“PVP indicates “Plant Variety Protection” which is provided for under the Bayh-Dole Act. The Plant Variety Protection Act (PVPA) provides legal intellectual property rights protection to developers of new varieties of plants that are sexually reproduced (by seed) or are tuber-propagated. Bacteria and fungi are excluded. A Certificate of Protection is awarded to an owner of a variety after an examination shows that it is new, distinct from other varieties, and genetically uniform and stable through successive generations. While the PVPA is administered by the United States Department of Agriculture, plant patent applications for asexually reproduced plants are administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce.”

Added New Format for Non-Provisional Application Numbers

The format was extended to allow for “12/NNN,NNN”.