

The new Plant Patent Law Amendment passed by the US Congress in 1998.

Amendment to Title 35, United States Code. “Sec. 163”

Grant

“In the case of a plant patent, the grant shall include the right to exclude others from asexually reproducing the plant, and from using, offering for sale, or selling the plant so reproduced, **or any of its parts, throughout the United States, or from importing the plant so reproduced, **or any parts thereof**, into the United States.”**

The new patent life is increased from 17 to 20 years.

“Anyone involved in the **growing, packing, and marketing of an illegally propagated variety is subject to lawsuits from the variety owners. The deep pockets, now will not be the growers ONLY, but the packers and the stores.”**

Also included, will be **financial institutions investing money into Properties where intellectual property has been illegally propagated and any **Real Estate Sales entities** selling properties of illegally propagated material using trademarks without authorization in violation of counterfeit Laws.**