Procedure for designating new varieties to an established class

When a new variety recommended for registration by a crop-specific Recommending Committee is **not supported for the market class** by a simple majority vote by the relevant Quality Evaluation Team:

The Canadian Grain Commission assembles an internal review panel immediately following the crop-specific Recommending Committee meeting to discuss the recommendations of both the Recommending Committee and the relevant Quality Evaluation Team to determine what class the variety should be assigned to.

Within 5 business days of the conclusion of the recommending committee meeting, the Canadian Grain Commission sends a class eligibility letter to the submitting breeder advising them of the classification decision.

When a new variety recommended for registration by a crop-specific Recommending Committee is **supported for the market class** by a simple majority vote by the relevant Quality Evaluation Team:

Once notified that the variety has been registered by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, the Canadian Grain Commission designates the variety into the eligible class by placing it on a Variety Designation List.

The review panel is made up of the Chief Grain Inspector for Canada and members of the Quality Evaluation Team representing the Canadian Grain Commission's Grain Research Lab and Industry Services.

The internal review panel considers:

- the Quality Evaluation Team's rationale for variety objection
- the objectives of the intended wheat or barley class
- the potential impact on the wheat or barley industry (does the variety have a unique characteristic that provides benefit or harm?)
- historically similar varieties

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