

Dear BRC users

RIKEN BRC Experimental Plant Division is emailing you to draw your attention to our resource distribution. Your inquiry about any item in the announcement is always welcome.

#### Seasonal holiday closure

Please be advised that the RIKEN BioResource Center will be closed between December 29, 2023 - January 3 for the annual holiday closure period. We will resume distribution of seeds, plant DNAs on or after January 10th, and plant cell lines on or after January 15.

Happy Holidays!

#### Overseas seed shipments for the year

Due to seasonal reasons and to avoid the problems with customs clearance, Experimental Plant Division would like to refrain from shipping our seeds in December. Most of the private carriers have not accepted the seed transfer, so the postal service is the only way to ship our seeds, but it takes time. Thank you for your understanding.

#### Patent expiration, Venus (florescent protein)

We would like to inform you that the Venus florescent protein patent expired on November 20, 2023.

Distribution of some related seeds had been restricted to non-profit organizations, but for-profit organizations can now order Venus-related Arabidopsis seed lines without approval. These seed lines are a few in the Exp-Plant catalog, so please contact [plant.brc@riken.jp](mailto:plant.brc@riken.jp) for more information.

Best Regards

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