

ILEX CULTIVAR NAME REGISTRATION

Ilex cultivar name Registration is the recording of documentation, acceptance (compliance with the terms of the Cultivated Plant Code), and establishment (publication) by the Registrar of cultivar names in the genus *Ilex*, commonly known as holly in the English language. This formal process is conducted by the Holly Society of America, Inc. who is the International Registration Authority for cultivated *Ilex*, by the authority of the Commission for Nomenclature and Registration of the International Society of Horticultural Science. The rules of Registration and acceptance are according to the INTERNATIONAL CODE OF NOMENCLATURE FOR CULTIVATED PLANTS – February 2004, Acta Horticulturae 647 (I.C.N.C.P or the Cultivated Plant Code).

Purpose

The aim and purpose of Registration is to promote stability, accuracy and uniformity in the naming of cultivated plants world wide. While Registration is voluntary and non-statutory, it has International acceptance. Only the name is registered; however there must be a particular plant represented by the name. Name stability is achieved by avoiding duplication of cultivar names and by using a standardized, uniform method of orthography for name formulation as given in the Cultivated Plant Code.

Instructions

Registration is accomplished by completing the attached Registration application and submitting to the Registrar. The Registrar determines acceptance and establishes the name with a description. Previously published cultivar names are acceptable for registration when they meet the requirements of the Cultivated Plant Code.

Briefly, cultivar names are fancy names in non-Latin form, limited to 10 syllables and 30 letters, with no limit to the number of words. A cultivar (cultivated variety not botanical variety) in *Ilex* is a clonally propagated selection. Based on a search of related accumulated literature and lists of names previously published, the Registrar determines if a name proposed for Registration has been published before for a cultivar of *Ilex*.

The Registration application provides for the history of a cultivar by: origin, selector, namer and introducer with dates. The description giving age, size, habit, details of leaves and fruit, location and hardiness provides for identification. Circulation for evaluation is important. No single location can verify the cultural range of any *Ilex* cultivar. Circulation also verifies that the cultivar has been vegetatively propagated and is indeed in cultivation. The origins of cultivated plants are important to agriculture and social history and the development of plants for the future. Origins are also very important in resolving confusion among names and plants. Photos and specimens provide physical documentation that is prepared as standard voucher herbarium specimens for permanent storage and future reference in an accredited herbarium. Specimens with ripe fruit are required for female cultivars and flowering specimens are required for male cultivars. They should be shipped fresh cut in a plastic bag with no water added. Date of introduction is based on when a cultivar was first circulated or when first offered for sale. The Registrant must be the owner or have the permission of the owner. Hardiness Zone is based on the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map issued by the

United States Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Research Service, Miscellaneous
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Upon evaluation of the Registration application, specimens and other evidence submitted such as
photos or drawings, the Registrar determines acceptance.