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Title : **COATED SEED AND METHODS FOR REDUCING SEED DUST**
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Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter is in response to your letter of August 7, 2015 wherein you request, pursuant to section 88 of the *Patent Rules*, that the priority date be entered as April 3, 2012 as opposed to April 19, 2012.

The Office has reviewed your file and is unable, pursuant to section 88 of the *Patent Rules*, to recognize the priority date as April 3, 2012.

According to paragraph 88(1)(b) of the *Patent Rules*, in order to claim priority, it must be done '*before the expiry of the sixteen-month period after the date of filing of that application*'. That application, US Application 61/619,691, was filed on April 19, 2012, and the expiry of the sixteen-month period was August 19, 2014. Therefore, upon national entry in Canada on August 7, 2015, it was too late to record the US priority as April 3, 2012.

The Office will record the priority date as provided for in the international application, namely April 19, 2012.

Regards,

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