

# Template for Taxonomic Proposal to the ICTV Executive Committee To rename an existing Virus Name

Code<sup>†</sup>  To rename the existing virus name  
  
in the genus<sup>°\*</sup>   
in the family<sup>°\*</sup>   
To name this virus\*

<sup>†</sup> Assigned by ICTV officers

<sup>°</sup> leave blank if inappropriate

\* repeat these lines and the corresponding arguments for each virus name created

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## ICTV-EC comments and response of the SG

## Argumentation to rename the virus

The nomenclature of a series of citrus viroids, denoted with Roman numerals (Citrus viroids I, II, III and IV), was useful when it was originally proposed but more descriptive names are now preferable. 1) *Citrus viroid I* (CVd-I) is already known as *Citrus bent leaf viroid* (CBLVd) and this name should be kept as in the VIIIth Report. 2) *Citrus viroid II* (CVd-II) corresponds to citrus isolates of *Hop stunt viroid* (HSVd). This name should be also kept as in VIIIth Report. 3) *Citrus viroid III* (CVd-III). We propose to rename this viroid *Citrus dwarfing viroid* (CDVd) because dwarfing appears to be its most conspicuous biological property. 4) *Citrus viroid IV* (CVd-IV). Elsewhere, we present arguments for changing the name of CVd-IV to *Citrus bark cracking viroid* (CDVd).

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## Annexes: