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AGRICULTURE

Zootechnical Standards Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

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The Department of Agriculture being designated(**a**) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**b**) in relation to the Common Agricultural Policy of the Economic Community, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said section 2(2), hereby makes the following Regulations:—

PART I

INTRODUCTORY

Title and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Zootechnical Standards Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 and shall come into force on 16th November 1992.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

"animal" means sheep, goats, pigs and bovines including buffalo;

"Department" means the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland;

"flock book" means any book, register, file or data medium—

(*a*) which is maintained by a recognised breeders' organisation; and

(*b*) in which purebred breeding sheep or goats of a specified breed are registered with mention of their ancestors;

"herd book" means any book, file or data medium—

(*a*) which is maintained by a recognised breeders' organisation; and

(*b*) in which purebred breeding pigs of a specified breed or, as the case may be, purebred bovines of a specified breed, are registered with mention of their ancestors;

"organisation" includes any association;

(**a**) S.I. 1972/1811
(**b**) 1972 c. 68

"registered" means entered in any flock or herd book maintained pursuant to these Regulations;

"recognised" in relation to any organisation means recognised by the Department under, and for the purposes of, these Regulations.

Recognition of organisations and maintenance of flock book or herd book

3.—(1) The Department may by notice in writing recognise any breeders' organisation which satisfies the criteria specified in—

(*a*) in relation to the breeding of sheep and goats, Part I of Schedule 1;

(*b*) in relation to the breeding of pigs, Part I of Schedule 2;

(*c*) in relation to the breeding of bovines, Part I of Schedule 3,

and may, in like manner, withdraw that recognition at any time if the appropriate criteria are not satisfied.

(2) A recognised organisation shall continue to maintain, or shall establish and maintain, a flock book or herd book, as appropriate.

(3) Animals shall not be eligible for registration, or be registered, in a flock book or herd book, as the case may be, unless they satisfy the criteria specified in—

(*a*) in the case of sheep and goats, Part II of Schedule 1;

(*b*) in the case of pigs, Part II of Schedule 2;

(*c*) in the case of bovines, Part II of Schedule 3.

(4) A recognised organisation, if requested by the owner of any animals, shall issue a completed zootechnical certificate containing, as a minimum, the information specified in—

(*a*) in the case of sheep and goats, Part III of Schedule 1;

(*b*) in the case of pigs, Part III of Schedule 2;

(*c*) in the case of bovines, Part III of Schedule 3,

and, in each case, their semen, ova and embryos.

Monitoring performance and assessing genetic value

4. A recognised organisation which monitors animals registered by it for performance, or tests such animals for genetic value, shall do so in accordance with the criteria specified in—

(*a*) in the case of sheep and goats, Part IV of Schedule 1;

(*b*) in the case of pigs, Part IV of Schedule 2;

(*c*) in the case of bovines, Part IV of Schedule 3.

Acceptance for breeding purposes

5. Where any animals or semen, ova or embryos from those animals comply with the criteria specified in—

(*a*) in the case of sheep and goats, Part V of Schedule 1;

(*b*) in the case of pigs, Part V of Schedule 2;

(*c*) in the case of bovines, Part V of Schedule 3,

an appropriate recognised organisation shall accept them for breeding purposes.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture on 14th October 1992.

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SCHEDULE 1

Sheep and Goats

PART I Regulation 3(1)(*a*)

RECOGNITION OF BREEDERS' ORGANISATIONS

In order to be recognised, an organisation shall satisfy the criteria specified in the Annex to Commission Decision 90/254/EEC (O.J. No. L145, 8.6.90, p. 30) laying down the criteria for approval of breeders' organisations and associations which establish or maintain flock books for purebred breeding sheep and goats.

PART II Regulation 3(3)(*a*)

CRITERIA FOR ENTRY IN FLOCK BOOK

In order to be registered in a flock book, sheep and goats shall satisfy the criteria specified in Commission Decision 90/255/EEC (O.J. No. L145, 8.6.90, p. 32) laying down the criteria governing entry in flock books for purebred breeding sheep and goats.

PART III Regulation 3(4)(*a*)

ZOOTECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

The minimum information to be contained in a zootechnical certificate in relation to sheep and goats shall be that specified in Commission Decision 90/258/EEC (O.J. No. L145, 8.6.90, p. 39) laying down the zootechnical certificates for purebred breeding sheep and goats, their semen, ova and embryos.

PART IV Regulation 4(*a*)

PERFORMANCE MONITORING AND GENETIC VALUE CRITERIA

The performance monitoring methods and the methods for assessing the genetic value of sheep and goats shall be those specified in the Annex to Commission Decision 90/256/EEC (O.J. No. L145, 8.6.90, p. 35) laying down methods for monitoring performance and assessing the genetic value of purebred breeding sheep and goats.

PART V Regulation 5(*a*)

CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE FOR BREEDING PURPOSES

Recognised organisations shall accept for breeding purposes sheep and goats which satisfy the criteria specified in Commission Decision 90/257/EEC (O.J. No. L145, 8.6.90, p. 38) laying down the criteria for the acceptance for breeding purposes of purebred breeding sheep and goats and the use of their semen, ova or embryos.

SCHEDULE 2

Pigs

PART I Regulation 3(1)(*b*)

RECOGNITION OF BREEDERS' ORGANISATIONS

In order to be recognised, an organisation shall satisfy the criteria specified in the Annex to Commission Decision 89/501/EEC (O.J. No. L247, 23.8.89, p. 19) laying down the criteria for approval and supervision of breeders' associations and breeding organisations which establish or maintain herd books for purebred breeding pigs and in the Annex to Commission Decision 89/504/EEC (O.J. No. L247, 23.3.89, p. 31) laying down the criteria for approval and supervision of breeders' associations, breeding organisations and private undertakings which establish or maintain hybrid breeding pig registers.

PART II Regulation 3(3)(*b*)

CRITERIA FOR ENTRY IN HERD BOOKS

In order to be registered in a herd book, pigs shall satisfy the criteria specified in Commission Decision 89/502/EEC (O.J. No. L247, 23.8.89, p. 21) laying down the criteria governing entry in herd books for purebred breeding pigs and in Commission Decision 89/505/EEC (O.J. No. L247, 23.8.89, p. 33) laying down the criteria governing entry in hybrid breeding pig registers.

PART III Regulation 3(4)(*b*)

ZOOTECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

The minimum information to be contained in a zootechnical certificate in relation to pure bred breeding pigs shall be that specified in Commission Decision 89/503/EEC (O.J. No. L247, 23.8.89, p. 22) laying down the certificate for purebred breeding pigs, their semen, ova and embryos and in Commission Decision 89/506/EEC (O.J. No. L247, 23.8.89, p. 34) laying down the certificate for hybrid breeding pigs, their semen, ova and embryos.

PART IV Regulation 4(*b*)

PERFORMANCE MONITORING AND GENETIC VALUE CRITERIA

The performance monitoring methods and the methods for assessing the genetic value of pure bred and hybrid breeding pigs shall be those specified in the Annex to Commission Decision 89/507/EEC (O.J. No. L247, 23.8.89, p. 43) laying down methods for monitoring performance and assessing the genetic value of purebred and hybrid breeding pigs.

PART V Regulation 5(*b*)

CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE FOR BREEDING PURPOSES

Recognised organisations shall accept for breeding purposes purebred breeding pigs which satisfy the criteria specified in Council Directive 90/118/EEC (O.J. No. L71, 17.3.90, p. 34) on the acceptance of purebred breeding pigs for breeding, and hybrid breeding pigs which satisfy the criteria specified in Council Directive 90/119/EEC (O.J. No. L71, 17.3.90, p. 36) on hybrid breeding pigs for breeding.

SCHEDULE 3

Bovines

PART I Regulation 3(1)(*c*)

RECOGNITION OF BREEDERS' ORGANISATIONS

In order to be recognised, an organisation shall satisfy the criteria specified in the Annex to Commission Decision 84/247/EEC (O.J. No. L125, 12.5.84, p. 58) laying down the criteria for the recognition of breeders' organisations and associations which maintain or establish herd books for purebred breeding animals of the bovine species.

PART II Regulation 3(3)(*c*)

CRITERIA FOR ENTRY IN HERD BOOK

In order to be registered in a herd book, bovines shall satisfy the criteria specified in Commission Decision 84/419/EEC (O.J. No. L237, 5.9.84, p. 11) laying down the criteria for entering cattle in herd books.

PART III Regulation 3(4)(*c*)

ZOOTECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

The minimum information to be contained in a zootechnical certificate in relation to bovines shall be that specified in Commission Decision 86/404/EEC (O.J. No. L233, 20.8.86, p. 19) and Commission Decision 88/124/EEC (O.J. No. L62, 8.3.88, p. 32) laying down the specimen and the particulars to be shown on the pedigree certificate for purebred breeding animals of the bovine species, their semen and embryos.

PART IV Regulation 4(*c*)

PERFORMANCE MONITORING AND GENETIC VALUE CRITERIA

The performance monitoring methods and methods for assessing bovines' genetic value shall be those specified in the Annex to Commission Decision 86/130/EEC (O.J. No. L101, 17.4.86, p. 37) laying down performance monitoring methods and methods for assessing cattle's genetic value for purebred breeding animals of the bovine species.

PART V Regulation 5(*c*)

CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE FOR BREEDING PURPOSES

Recognised organisations shall accept for breeding purposes bovines which satisfy the criteria specified in Council Directive 87/328/EEC (O.J. No. L167, 26.6.87, p. 54) on the acceptance for breeding purposes of purebred breeding animals of the bovine species.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations implement Council Directive 89/361/EEC (O.J. No. L153, 6.6.89, p. 30) concerning purebred breeding sheep and goats, Council Directive 88/661/EEC (O.J. No. L382, 31.12.88, p. 36) on the zootechnical standards applicable to breeding animals of the porcine species and Council Directive 77/504/EEC (O.J. No. L206, 12.8.77, p. 8) and Article 3 of Council Directive 91/174/EEC (O.J. No. L85, 5.4.91, p. 37) on purebred breeding animals of the bovine species.

The zootechnical requirements for trade between Member States of the European Economic Community in relation to each animal species referred to in the preceding paragraph and their semen, ova and embryos are in standard form as follows—

(1) organisations which establish or maintain a flock book or herd book must fulfil certain criteria in order to be recognised by the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland. In relation to sheep and goats the criteria are set out in the Annex to Commission Decision 90/254/EEC, in relation to purebred breeding pigs in the Annex to Commission Decision 89/501/EEC, in relation to hybrid breeding pigs in the Annex to Commission Decision 89/504/EEC and in relation to bovines in the Annex to Commission Decision 84/247/EEC (regulation 3(1));

(2) in order to be entered in a flock book or herd book kept by a recognised organisation animals must satisfy certain criteria. In relation to sheep and goats the criteria are set out in Commission Decision 90/255/EEC, in relation to purebred breeding pigs in Commission Decision 89/502/EEC, in relation to hybrid breeding pigs in Commission Decision 89/505/EEC and in relation to bovines in Commission Decision 84/419/EEC (regulation 3(3));

(3) the zootechnical certificate to be issued by a recognised organisation must contain certain information. In relation to sheep and goats this information is set out in Council Decision 90/258/EEC, in relation to purebred breeding pigs in Commission Decision 89/503/EEC, in relation to hybrid breeding pigs in Commission Decision 89/506/EEC and in relation to bovines in Commission Decision 86/404/EEC and Commission Decision 88/124/EEC (regulation 3(4));

(4) animals which are registered in a flock book or herd book must comply with certain performance and genetic value criteria. In relation to sheep and goats the criteria are specified in the Annex to Commission Decision 90/256/EEC, in relation to purebred and hybrid breeding pigs in the Annex to Commission Decision 89/507/EEC and in relation to bovines in the Annex to Commission Decision 86/130/EEC (regulation 4);

(5) animals which satisfy certain criteria must be accepted by recognised organisations for breeding purposes. In relation to sheep and goats the criteria are set out in Commission Decision 90/257/EEC, in relation to

purebred breeding pigs in Council Directive 90/118/EEC, in relation to hybrid breeding pigs in Council Directive 90/119/EEC and in relation to bovines in Council Directive 87/328/EEC (regulation 5).