

Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on zootechnical and genealogical conditions for the breeding, trade in and entry into the Union of purebred breeding animals, hybrid breeding pigs and the germinal products thereof and amending Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, Council Directives 89/608/EEC and 90/425/EEC and repealing certain acts in the area of animal breeding ('Animal Breeding Regulation') (Text with EEA relevance)

## *CHAPTER VII*

### ***Zootechnical certificates***

#### *Article 30*

#### **Issuing, content and format of zootechnical certificates accompanying breeding animals and the germinal products thereof**

1 Where breeders participating in a breeding programme that has been approved in accordance with Article 8, and, where applicable, Article 12, request zootechnical certificates for their breeding animals or germinal products thereof, the breed society or breeding operation carrying out that breeding programme shall issue those certificates.

2 Zootechnical certificates accompanying breeding animals or germinal products thereof shall only be issued by:

- a breed societies or breeding operations carrying out breeding programmes approved in accordance with Article 8, and, where applicable, Article 12, on those breeding animals;
- b the competent authorities referred to in Article 8(3), or, where applicable, Article 12(2) (a), if those authorities so decide; or
- c breeding bodies included in the list provided for in Article 34 carrying out breeding programmes on those breeding animals.

3 Breed societies or breeding operations shall ensure a timely transmission of zootechnical certificates.

4 Where breeding animals that have been entered in a breeding book maintained by a breed society or registered in a breeding register maintained by a breeding operation or their germinal products are traded and where those breeding animals, or the offspring produced from those germinal products, are intended to be entered or registered in another breeding book or breeding register, those breeding animals, or their germinal products, shall be accompanied by a zootechnical certificate.

The breed society or breeding operation of dispatch of the breeding animals, or of the germinal products thereof, maintaining the breeding book or breeding register where those breeding animals are entered or registered shall issue that zootechnical certificate.

5 Where breeding animals that have been entered in a breeding book or registered in a breeding register maintained by a breeding body included in the list provided for in Article 34, or their germinal products, enter the Union and where those breeding animals, or the offspring produced from those germinal products, are intended to be entered in a breeding book maintained by a breed society or registered in a breeding register maintained by a breeding

operation, those breeding animals, or their germinal products, shall be accompanied by a zootechnical certificate.

That zootechnical certificate shall be issued by the breeding body listed in accordance with Article 34 that is maintaining the breeding book or breeding register in which those breeding animals are entered or registered, or by the official service of the third country of dispatch.

6 The zootechnical certificates referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 shall:

- a contain the information set out in the relevant Parts and Chapters of Annex V;
- b comply with the corresponding model forms of zootechnical certificates provided for in the implementing acts adopted pursuant to paragraph 10.

7 A breed society or a breeding body that carries out performance testing or genetic evaluation, or both, in accordance with its breeding programme, or outsources those activities to third parties, in the case of a breed society in accordance with Article 27(1)(b), shall indicate, in the zootechnical certificate issued for a purebred breeding animal or its germinal products:

- a results of that performance testing;
- b up-to-date results of that genetic evaluation; and
- c genetic defects and genetic peculiarities in relation to that breeding programme affecting that breeding animal or the donors of those germinal products.

8 A breeding operation or a breeding body that carries out performance testing or genetic evaluation, or both, in accordance with its breeding programme, or outsources those activities to third parties, in the case of a breeding operation in accordance with Article 27(1)(b), shall, where required to do so by that breeding programme, indicate in the zootechnical certificate issued for a hybrid breeding pig or its germinal products:

- a results of that performance testing;
- b up-to-date results of that genetic evaluation; and
- c genetic defects and genetic peculiarities in relation to that breeding programme affecting that breeding animal or the donors of those germinal products.

9 The Commission shall be empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 61 amending the contents of the zootechnical certificates set out in Annex V, in order to update them to take into account:

- a scientific advances;
- b technical developments;
- c the functioning of the internal market; or
- d the needs to preserve valuable genetic resources.

10 The Commission shall adopt implementing acts, laying down model forms for the zootechnical certificates for breeding animals and their germinal products. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 62(2).

### *Article 31*

#### **Derogations from requirements concerning the issuing, content and format of zootechnical certificates for trade in breeding animals and their germinal products**

1 By way of derogation from Article 30(2)(a), the competent authority may authorise that germinal products are to be accompanied by a zootechnical certificate issued, on the basis of the information received from the breed society or breeding operation, by a semen collection

or storage centre, or by an embryo collection or production team, approved for intra-Union trade in those germinal products in accordance with Union animal health law.

2 By way of derogation from Article 30(6)(b), the competent authority may authorise the non-use of the model forms referred to in Article 30(6)(b) provided that:

- a in the case of breeding animals of the bovine, porcine, ovine and caprine species, the information set out in Chapter I of Part 2 of Annex V or Chapter I of Part 3 of Annex V is contained in other documents accompanying those breeding animals, issued by the breed society or breeding operation;
- b in the case of germinal products of the bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine and equine species:
  - (i) the information related to the donors of those germinal products is contained in other documents or in copies of the original zootechnical certificate accompanying those germinal products or, before or after the dispatch of those germinal products, it is, on request, made available by the breed society or breeding operation or the other operators referred to in paragraph 1;
  - (ii) the information related to the semen, oocytes or embryos is contained in other documents accompanying that semen, those oocytes or those embryos, issued by the breed society or breeding operation or the other operators referred to in paragraph 1.

3 By way of derogation from Article 30(7)(a) and (b) and Article 30(8)(a) and (b), where the results of performance testing or genetic evaluation are publicly available on a website, breed societies, breeding operations or the other operators referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article may, in the zootechnical certificate or in the documents referred to in point (a) of paragraph 2 of this Article, refer to the website where those results can be accessed.

### *Article 32*

#### **Derogations from requirements concerning the format of zootechnical certificates issued for purebred breeding animals of the equine species**

1 By way of derogation from Article 30(6), in the case of purebred breeding animals of the equine species, the information set out in Chapter I of Part 2 of Annex V shall be contained in a single lifetime identification document for equidae. The Commission shall adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 61 concerning the content and format of such identification documents.

2 The Commission may adopt implementing acts, laying down model forms of the single lifetime identification document for equidae. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 62(2).

3 By way of derogation from paragraph 1, where updated results of performance testing or genetic evaluation are publicly available on a website, the competent authorities may authorise the non-inclusion of the information set out in point (1)(m) of Chapter I of Part 2 of Annex V in the document referred to in paragraph 1, provided that the breed society refers to that website in that document.

4 By way of derogation from paragraph 1, the competent authorities may authorise that the information set out in points (1)(m) and (n) of Chapter I of Part 2 of Annex V is contained in other documents issued by the breed society for the purebred breeding animals entered in a breeding book maintained by that breed society.

### Article 33

#### **Derogations from requirements concerning the issuing, content and format of zootechnical certificates for the entry into the Union of breeding animals and their germinal products**

1 By way of derogation from Article 30(2)(c) and (5), germinal products may be accompanied by a zootechnical certificate issued on behalf of the breeding body on the basis of the information received from that breeding body, by a semen collection or storage centre, or by an embryo collection or production team, approved for the entry into the Union of those germinal products in accordance with Union animal health law.

2 By way of derogation from Article 30(6)(b), the model forms referred to in Article 30(6)(b) do not have to be used if:

- a the information set out in the relevant Parts and Chapters of Annex V is contained in other documents accompanying the breeding animal or their germinal products;
- b the breeding body carrying out the breeding programme, or another operator referred to in paragraph 1, provides an exhaustive list of those documents, declares that the information set out in the relevant Parts and Chapters of Annex V is contained in those documents and certifies the content of those documents.

3 By way of derogation from Article 30(7)(a) and (b) and Article 30(8)(a) and (b), where the results of performance testing or genetic evaluation are publicly available on a website, breeding bodies, or the other operators referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, may, in the zootechnical certificate or the other documents referred to in point (a) of paragraph 2 of this Article, refer to the website where those results can be accessed.