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AGRICULTURE

**Horses (Zootechnical Standards)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992**

Made 15th December 1992

Coming into operation 1st January 1993

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:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Horses (Zootechnical Standards) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1993.

Interpretation

2.—(1) Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(c) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(2) In these Regulations—

“Department” means the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland;

“horse” means a domestic animal of the equine or asinine species or crossbreeds thereof;

“recognised organisation” means an organisation recognised by the Department for the purposes of these Regulations;

“studbook” means any book, register, file or data medium:

(a) which is maintained by a recognised breeders’ organisation, and

(b) in which horses of a given breed are entered or registered with mention of their ancestors.

Recognition of organisations and maintenance of studbook

3.—(1) The Department may recognise by notice in writing as a recognised organisation any organisation which satisfies the criteria specified in the Schedule, which recognition may be withdrawn at any time if the criteria are not satisfied.

(a) S.I. 1972/1811

(b) 1972 c. 68

(c) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

(2) Where recognition is refused or withdrawn the refusal or withdrawal (and the reasons for it) shall be given in writing.

(3) A recognised organisation shall maintain or establish a studbook.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture on 15th December 1992.

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Recognition of Organisations

In order to be recognised as a recognised organisation, an organisation shall satisfy the criteria specified in the Annex to Commission Decision 92/353/EEC (O.J. No. L192, 11.7.92, p. 63) (and see Corrigenda in O.J. No. L265, 11.9.92, p. 43) laying down criteria for approval or recognition of organisations and associations which maintain or establish studbooks for registered equidae as read with article 1 of Commission Decision 92/354/EEC (O.J. No. L192, 11.7.92, p. 66) laying down certain rules to ensure co-ordination between organisations and associations which maintain or establish studbooks for registered equidae.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations implement in part Council Directive 90/427/EEC (O.J. No. L224, 18.8.90, p. 55) on the zootechnical and genealogical conditions governing intra-Community trade in equidae and their semen, ova and embryos.

Organisations which establish or maintain a studbook must fulfil certain criteria in order to be recognised by the Department. The criteria are set out in the Annex to Commission Decision 92/353/EEC (O.J. No. L192, 11.7.92, p. 63), as read with article 1 of Commission Decision 92/354/EEC (O.J. No. L192, 11.7.92, p. 66) (regulation 3(1)).