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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2008 No. 37**

**ANIMALS**

**The Zootechnical Standards (Amendment)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008**

*Made* - - - - *1st February 2008*

*Coming into operation* *22nd February 2008*

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, is designated (1) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(2), in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Community.

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Zootechnical Standards (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 and shall come into operation on 22nd February 2008.

**Interpretation**

2. The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(3) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

**Amendment of the Zootechnical Standards Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992**

3.—(1) The Zootechnical Standards Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992(4) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2 (1) (interpretation) before the definition of “Department” insert—

““Council Directive [87/328/EEC](#)” means Council Directive [87/328/EEC](#)(5) on the acceptance for breeding purposes of pure-bred breeding animals of the bovine species, as amended by

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(1) [S.I. 2000/2812](#)

(2) [1972 c. 68](#)

(3) [1954 c. 33 \(N.I.\)](#)

(4) [S.R. 1992 No. 438](#)

(5) [O.J. No. L167, 26.6.87, p.54](#)

Council Directive [2005/24/EC](#)(6) with regard to the use of ova and embryos and storage centres for semen from pure-bred breeding animals of the bovine species;”.

(3) After regulation 5 (acceptance for breeding purposes), add—

**“Collection, processing and storage of semen**

6.—(1) A recognised organisation shall ensure that semen referred to in Article 2 of Council Directive [87/328/EEC](#) which is intended for intra-Community trade is collected, processed and stored in a collection centre, or if need be, stored at a storage centre, approved in accordance with Council Directive [88/407/EEC](#).

(2) A recognised organisation which fails to comply with paragraph (1) may have its recognition withdrawn by the Department by notice in writing at any time.

(3) In paragraph (1)“Council Directive [88/407/EEC](#)” means Council Directive [88/407/EEC](#) laying down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in and imports of semen of domestic animals of the bovine species (7).

(4) In paragraph (1) a “collection centre” or a “storage centre” means an establishment approved in accordance with Council Directive [88/407/EEC](#).”.

(4) For Part V of Schedule 3, substitute—  
Regulation 5(c)

**“PART V**

**CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE FOR BREEDING PURPOSES**

Recognised organisations shall accept for breeding purposes bovines, and use ova and embryos, which satisfy the criteria specified in Council Directive [87/328/EEC](#) on the acceptance for breeding purposes of pure bred breeding animals of the bovine species.”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development on 1st February 2008



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(6) O.J. No. L 78, 24.3.2005, p.43

(7) O.J. No. L194, 22.7.1988, p. 10 as last amended by Commission Decision 2006/16 EC (O.J. No. L 11 17.1.2006, p. 21)

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Zootechnical Standards Regulations 1992, [S.R. 1992 No. 438](#) (“the 1992 Regulations”).

The amendments give effect to the amendments to Council Directive [87/328/EEC](#) on the acceptance for breeding purposes of pure-bred breeding animals of the bovine species (O.J. L 167, 26.6.1987, p. 54) made by Council Directive [2000/24/EC](#) with regard to the use of ova and embryos and storage centres for semen from pure-bred breeding animals of the bovine species (O.J. L 78, 24.3.2005, p. 43).

A new regulation 6 of the 1992 Regulations, added by regulation 3 of these Regulations, places obligations on recognised organisations in relation to the collection, processing and storage of bovine semen. (The term “recognised organisation” is defined in regulation 2 of the 1992 Regulations.)

Part V of Schedule 3 of the 1992 Regulations is amended to require recognised organisations to accept for breeding purposes bovine ova and embryos.