
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2009 No. 251

**The Horses (Zootechnical Standards)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009**

PART 1

General Provisions

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Horses (Zootechnical Standards) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009, and come into operation on 14th September 2009.

Interpretation

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

In these Regulations—

“the Department” means the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

“horse” means an animal of the equine or asinine species or crossbreeds of those species, but does not include zebras.

“recognised organisation” means an organisation or association which—

- (i) maintains or establishes a stud book in which horses are entered or registered; and
- (ii) has been recognised for this purpose under regulation 3.

“stud book” means any book, register, file or data medium—

- (iii) which is maintained by a recognised organisation; and
- (iv) in which horses are entered or registered with mention of all their known ancestors.

(2) Expressions that are not defined in these Regulations and occur in Commission Decision [92/353/EEC\(2\)](#) or Commission Decision [96/78/EC\(3\)](#) have the same meaning in these Regulations as they have for the purposes of those Decisions.

(1) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

(2) O.J. No. L 192, 11.7.92, p.63.

(3) O. J. No. L 019, 25.1.96, p.39