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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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

**PART 3**

**Form and Content of Stud Book**

**Division of main section of stud book**

6. A recognised organisation must not divide the main section of its stud book except into different classes according to the horses' merits.

**Compulsory entry in main section of stud book**

7.—(1) A recognised organisation must enter a horse in the main section of its stud book if that horse—

- (a) is descended from parents entered in the main section of a stud book of the same breed;
- (b) has a pedigree established in accordance with the rules of its stud book; and
- (c) is identified as foal at foot in accordance with the rules of its stud book, which rules must at least include a requirement for a covering certificate.

(2) Where a horse is eligible for entry in a supplementary section of a stud book in accordance with the criteria set out in regulation 8, a recognised organisation must allow the progeny of that horse to be entered in the main section of its stud book.

**Entry in supplementary section of stud book**

8. Where a horse does not satisfy the criteria set out in regulation 7(1), a recognised organisation may enter that horse in a supplementary section of its stud book if that horse—

- (a) has been identified in accordance with the rules of its stud book;
- (b) is judged by the recognised organisation to conform to the breed standard; and
- (c) meets the requirements for minimum performance set out in the rules of its stud book.

**Cross breeding programmes**

9. Where a horse does not satisfy the criteria set out in regulation 7(1), a recognised organisation may enter that horse in the main section of its stud book for the purpose of it taking part in a cross-breeding programme which—

- (a) has been approved by that organisation in accordance with the rules of its stud book; and
- (b) specifies the breeds which are allowed to take part in that programme.

### **Entry of horses registered in other stud books**

**10.** Where a recognised organisation—

- (a) receives a request from the owner of a horse registered in another stud book to enter that horse in the main section of its own stud book; and
- (b) has divided the main section of its stud book in accordance with regulation 6,

the recognised organisation must enter the horse into the class of its stud book whose criteria that horse meets.

### **Entry in stud book for an animal imported from another member state**

**11.**—(1) Where a horse registered in one member state is imported to another member state then, except where a derogation has been agreed by common accord between the two organisations or associations concerned, —

- (a) the horse must be registered or entered in the appropriate studbook of the member state of destination under the same name; and
- (b) the entry in the studbook of the member state of destination must be accompanied with an indication, in accordance with international agreements, of the initial(s) of the country of foaling.

(2) Where the constitution of the organisations or associations so permits, the original name of the horse as entered in the first stud book may be preceded or followed by another name on a provisional or permanent basis, provided that throughout the horse's life—

- (a) the original name is retained in brackets; and
- (b) the country of birth is indicated by means of the initial(s) recognised by international agreements.

### **Revocation**

**12.** The Horses (Zootechnical Standards) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992(1) are revoked.