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(England) Regulations 2006**

PART 2

Recognition of Organisations

Criteria for recognition

3.—(1) In order to become recognised as a recognised organisation, an organisation or association must—

- (a) submit an application for recognition as a recognised organisation to the Secretary of State;
- (b) maintain or establish a stud book; and
- (c) satisfy the criteria referred to in the Schedule to these Regulations.

(2) Subject to regulation 4, the Secretary of State must recognise any organisation or association which satisfies the criteria set out in paragraph (1).

Refusal to recognise and withdrawal of recognition from organisations

4.—(1) The Secretary of State must refuse to recognise, or must withdraw recognition from, an organisation or association which—

- (a) fails to satisfy the criteria for recognition set out in regulation 3(1);
- (b) fails to comply with regulation 6; or
- (c) fails to comply with regulation 7.

(2) Where a recognised organisation already exists in respect of a particular breed of horse, the Secretary of State may refuse to recognise an organisation or association representing the same breed of horse if—

- (a) he considers that recognising the organisation or association would—
 - (i) endanger the preservation of that breed of horse;
 - (ii) jeopardise the operation of the existing recognised organisation; or
 - (iii) jeopardise the improvement or selection programme of the existing recognised organisation; or
- (b) an existing recognised organisation allows horses of that breed to be entered in a section of its studbook which it maintains in accordance with the rules laid down by the recognised organisation maintaining the stud book of the origin of that breed.

(3) Where the Secretary of State refuses to recognise, or withdraws recognition from, an organisation or association in accordance with paragraph (1) or (2), the reasons for that refusal or withdrawal must be given to that organisation or association in writing.

Representations to the Secretary of State

5.—(1) A person may make representations in writing against a refusal to recognise, or a withdrawal of recognition from, an organisation or association under regulation 4 to a person appointed for the purpose by the Secretary of State.

(2) The appointed person must consider the representations and report in writing to the Secretary of State.

(3) The Secretary of State must give written notification of his final determination and the reasons for it.