
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1992 No. 2370

**AGRICULTURE
LIVESTOCK INDUSTRIES**

The Zootechnical Standards Regulations 1992

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>2nd October 1992</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>9th October 1992</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>31st October 1992</i>

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State, being Ministers 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 Economic Community, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by the said section 2(2), hereby make the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Zootechnical Standards Regulations 1992 and shall come into force on 31st October 1992.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

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

- (a) which is maintained by a recognised breeders' organisation; and
- (b) in which pure bred breeding sheep or goats of a given breed are entered or registered with mention of their ancestors;

“herd book” means any book, file or data medium—

- (a) which is maintained by a recognised breeders' association; and
- (b) in which pure bred breeding pigs of a specified breed or, as the case may be, pure bred bovines of a given breed, are entered or registered with mention of their ancestors;

“Minister” means in relation to England, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and, in relation to Wales and Scotland, the Secretary of State;

(1) S.I.1972/1811.
(2) 1972 c. 68

“recognised organisation” means an organisation recognised by the Minister for the purposes of these Regulations.

(2) Any reference in these Regulations to a Schedule is a reference to a Schedule to these Regulations.

Recognition of organisations and maintenance of flock book or herd book

3.—(1) The Minister may recognise by notice in writing as a recognised organisation any organisation which satisfies the criteria specified in—

- (a) Part I of Schedule 1, in relation to sheep and goats;
- (b) Part I of Schedule 2, in relation to pigs;
- (c) Part I of Schedule 3, in relation to bovines.

which recognition may be withdrawn by notice in writing at any time if the criteria are not satisfied.

(2) A recognised organisation shall maintain or establish a flock book or herd book.

(3) No animal shall be eligible for entry or be entered or registered in a flock book or herd book unless it satisfies the criteria specified in—

- (a) Part II of Schedule 1, in relation to sheep and goats;
- (b) Part II of Schedule 2, in relation to pigs;
- (c) Part II of Schedule 3, in relation to bovines,

(4) A recognised organisation, if requested by the owner, shall issue a completed zootechnical certificate containing, as a minimum, the information specified in—

- (a) Part III of Schedule 1, in relation to sheep and goats;
- (b) Part III of Schedule 2, in relation to pigs;
- (c) Part III of Schedule 3, in relation to bovines,

and, respectively, their semen, ova and embryos.

Monitoring performance and assessing genetic value

4. A recognised organisation which monitors for performance or tests for genetic value an animal registered with it shall do so in accordance with the criteria specified in—

- (a) Part IV of Schedule 1, in relation to sheep and goats;
- (b) Part IV of Schedule 2, in relation to pigs;
- (c) Part IV of Schedule 3, in relation to bovines.

Acceptance for breeding purposes

5. A recognised organisation shall accept for breeding purposes all animals, semen, ova and embryos which comply with the criteria specified in—

- (a) Part V of Schedule 1, in relation to sheep and goats;
- (b) Part V of Schedule 2, in relation to pigs;
- (c) Part V of Schedule 3, in relation to bovines.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto
affixed on

2nd October 1992.

John Selwyn Gummer
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

2nd October 1992

Hector Monro
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Scottish
Office

SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 3(1)(a)

SHEEP AND GOATS

PART I

RECOGNITION OF BREEDERS' ORGANISATIONS

In order to be recognised as a recognised organisation, an organisation shall satisfy the criteria specified in the Annex to Commission Decision [90/254/EEC](#) (OJNo. L145, 8.6.90, p.30) laying down the criteria for approval of breeders' organisations and associations which establish or maintain flock books for pure bred breeding sheep and goats.

Regulation 3(3)(a)

PART II

CRITERIA FOR ENTRY IN FLOCK BOOK

In order to be entered in a flock book, sheep and goats shall satisfy the criteria specified in Commission Decision [90/255/EEC](#) (OJ No. L145, 8.6.90, p.32) laying down the criteria governing entry in flock books for pure bred breeding sheep and goats.

Regulation 3(4)(a)

PART III

ZOOTECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

The minimum information to be contained in a zootechnical certificate in relation to sheep and goats shall be that specified in Commission Decision [90/258/EEC](#) (OJ No. L145, 8.6.90, p.39) laying down the zootechnical certificates for pure bred breeding sheep and goats, their semen, ova and embryos.

Regulation 4

PART IV

PERFORMANCE MONITORING AND GENETIC VALUE CRITERIA FOR SHEEP AND GOATS

The performance monitoring methods and the methods for assessing the genetic value of sheep and goats shall be those specified in the Annex to Commission Decision [90/256/EEC](#) (OJ No. L145, 8.6.90, p.35) laying down methods for monitoring performance and assessing the genetic value of pure bred breeding sheep and goats.

Regulation 5

PART V

CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE FOR BREEDING PURPOSES

Recognised organisations shall accept for breeding purposes sheep and goats which satisfy the criteria specified in Commission Decision [90/257/EEC](#) (OJ No. L145, 8.6.90, p.38) laying down the

criteria for the acceptance for breeding purposes of pure bred breeding sheep and goats and the use of their semen, ova and embryos.

schedule 2

Regulation 3(1)(b)

PIGS

PART I

RECOGNITION OF BREEDERS' ORGANISATIONS

In order to be recognised as a recognised organisation, an organisation shall satisfy the criteria specified in the Annex to Commission Decision [89/501/EEC](#) (OJ No. L247, 23.8.89, p19) laying down the criteria for approval and supervision of breeders' associations and breeding organisations which establish or maintain herd books for pure bred breeding pigs and in the Annex to Commission Decision [89/504/EEC](#) (OJ No. L247, 23.3.89, p.31) laying down the criteria for approval and supervision of breeders' associations, breeding organisations and private undertakings which establish or maintain registers for hybrid breeding pigs.

Regulation 3(3)(b)

PART II

CRITERIA FOR ENTRY IN HERD BOOK

In order to be entered in a herd book, pigs shall satisfy the criteria specified in Commission Decision [89/502/EEC](#) (OJ No. L247, 23.8.89, p21) laying down the criteria governing entry in herd books for pure bred breeding pigs and in Commission Decision [89/505/EEC](#) (OJ No. L247, 23.8.89, p.33) laying down the criteria governing entry in registers for hybrid breeding pigs.

Regulation 3(4)(b)

PART III

ZOOTECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

The minimum information to be contained in a zootechnical certificate in relation to pure bred breeding pigs shall be that specified in Commission Decision [89/503/EEC](#) (OJ No. L247, 23.8.89, p.22) laying down the certificate for pure bred breeding pigs, their semen, ova and embryos and in Commission Decision [89/506/EEC](#) (OJ No. L247, 23.8.89, p.34) laying down the certificate of hybrid breeding pigs, their semen, ova and embryos.

Regulation 4

PART IV

PERFORMANCE MONITORING AND GENETIC VALUE CRITERIA FOR PIGS

The performance monitoring methods and the methods for assessing the genetic value of pure bred and hybrid breeding pigs shall be those specified in the Annex to Commission Decision [89/507/EEC](#) (OJ No. L247, 23.8.89, p.43) laying down methods for monitoring performance and assessing the genetic value of pure bred and hybrid breeding pigs.

Regulation 5

PART V

CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE FOR BREEDING PURPOSES

Recognised organisations shall accept for breeding purposes pure-bred breeding pigs which satisfy the criteria specified in Council Directive [90/118/EEC](#) (OJ No. L71, 17.3.90, p.34) on the acceptance of pure bred breeding pigs for breeding, and hybrid breeding pigs which satisfy the criteria specified in Council Directive [90/119/EEC](#) (OJ No. L71, 17.3.90, p.36) on hybrid breeding pigs for breeding.

schedule 3

Regulation 3(1)(c)

BOVINES

PART I

RECOGNITION OF BREEDERS' ORGANISATIONS

In order to be recognised as a recognised organisation, an organisation shall satisfy the criteria specified in the Annex to Commission Decision [84/247/EEC](#) (OJ No. L125, 12.5.84, p58) laying down the criteria for the recognition of breeders' organisations and associations which maintain or establish herd books for pure bred breeding animals of the bovine species.

Regulation 3(3)(c)

PART II

CRITERIA FOR ENTRY IN HERD BOOK

In order to be entered in a herd book, bovines shall satisfy the criteria specified in Commission Decision [84/419/EEC](#) (OJ No. L237, 5.9.84, p11) laying down the criteria for entering cattle in herd books.

Regulation 3(4)(c)

PART III

ZOOTECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

The minimum information to be contained in a zootechnical certificate in relation to bovines shall be that specified in Commission Decision [86/404/EEC](#) (OJ No. L233, 20.8.86, p.19) laying down the specimen and the particulars to be shown on the pedigree certificate of pure bred breeding animals of the bovine species.

Regulation 4

PART IV

PERFORMANCE MONITORING AND GENETIC VALUE CRITERIA FOR BOVINES

The performance monitoring methods and methods for assessing bovines' genetic value shall be those specified in the Annex to Commission Decision [86/130/EEC](#) (OJ No. L101, 17.4.86, p.37) laying down performance monitoring methods and methods for assessing cattle's genetic value for pure bred breeding animals of the bovine species.

Regulation 5

PART V

CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE FOR BREEDING PURPOSES

Recognised organisations shall accept for breeding purposes bovines which satisfy the criteria specified in Council Directive [87/328/EEC](#) (OJ No. L167, 26.6.87, p.54) on the acceptance for breeding purposes of pure bred breeding animals of the bovine species.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations implement Council Directive [89/361/EEC](#) (OJ No. L153, 6.6.89, p.30) concerning pure bred breeding sheep and goats, Council Directive [88/661/EEC](#) (OJ No. L382, 31.12.88, p.36) on the zootechnical standards applicable to breeding animals of the porcine species and Council Directive [77/504/EEC](#) (OJ No. L206, 12.8.77, p.8) and article 3 of Council Directive [91/174/EEC](#) (OJ No. L85, 5.4.91, p.37) on pure bred breeding animals of the bovine species.

The zootechnical requirements for trade between the United Kingdom and member states of the Economic Community in relation to each animal species and their semen, ova and embryos are in standard form as follows—

(1) organisations which establish or maintain a flock book or herd book must fulfil certain criteria in order to be recognised. In relation to sheep and goats the criteria are set out in the Annex to Commission Decision [90/254/EEC](#), in relation to pure bred breeding pigs in the Annex to Commission Decision [89/501/EEC](#), in relation to hybrid breeding pigs in the Annex to Commission Decision [89/504/EEC](#), and in relation to bovines in the Annex to Commission Decision [84/247/EEC](#) (regulation 3(1));

(2) animals which are to be entered in a flock book or herd book must satisfy certain criteria in order to be registered. In relation to sheep and goats the criteria are set out in Commission Decision [90/255/EEC](#), in relation to pure bred breeding pigs in Commission Decision [89/502/EEC](#), in relation to hybrid breeding pigs in Commission Decision [89/505/EEC](#), and in relation to bovines in Commission Decision [84/419/EEC](#) (regulation 3(3));

(3) the zootechnical certificate to be issued by a recognised organisation must contain certain information. In relation to sheep and goats this information is set out in Council Decision [90/258/EEC](#), in relation to pure bred breeding pigs in Commission Decision [89/503/EEC](#), in relation to

hybrid breeding pigs in Commission Decision [89/506/EEC](#), and in relation to bovines in Commission Decision [86/404/EEC](#) (regulation 3(4));

(4) animals which are registered in a flock book or herd book must comply with certain performance and genetic value criteria. In relation to sheep and goats the criteria are specified in the Annex to Commission Decision [90/256/EEC](#), in relation to pure bred and hybrid breeding pigs in the Annex to Commission Decision [89/507/EEC](#), and in relation to bovines in the Annex to Commission Decision [86/130/EEC](#) (regulation 4);

(5) animals which satisfy certain criteria must be accepted by recognised organisations for breeding purposes. In relation to sheep and goats the criteria are set out in Commission Decision [90/257/EEC](#), in relation to pure-bred breeding pigs in Council Directive [90/118/EEC](#), in relation to hybrid breeding pigs in Council Directive [90/119/EEC](#) and in relation to bovines in Council Directive [87/328/EEC](#).