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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 77/504/EEC of 15 July 1977 on pure-bred breeding animals of the bovine species⁽¹⁾, as last amended by the Act of Accession of Greece, and in particular the second and third indents of Article 6 (1) thereof,

Whereas, under the second and third indents of Article 6 (1) of Directive 77/504/EEC it is for the Commission to determine, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 8 of the abovementioned Directive, the criteria governing the recognition of breeders' organizations and associations and the criteria governing the establishment of herd-books;

Whereas in all the Member States, with the exception at present of Greece, herd-books are maintained or established by breeders' organizations and associations; whereas it is therefore necessary to lay down the criteria for the recognition of breeders' organizations and associations which maintain or establish herd-books;

Whereas a breeders' organization or association must apply for official recognition to the competent authorities of the Member State on whose territory its headquarters are situated;

Whereas, where a breeders' organization or association meets certain criteria and has defined targets, it must be officially recognized by the authorities of the Member State to which it has applied;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Zootechnics,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In order to be officially recognized, a breeders' organization or association which maintains or establishes herd-books must submit an application to the authorities of the Member State on whose territory its headquarters are situated.

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Article 2

The authorities of the Member State concerned must grant official recognition to any breeders' organization or association which maintains or establishes herd-books if the latter meet the conditions laid down in the Annex.

However, in a Member State in which in respect of a given breed one or more officially recognized organizations or associations already exists, the authorities of the Member State concerned may refuse to recognize a new breeders' organization or association if it endangers the preservation of the breed or jeopardizes the zootechnical programme of the existing organization or association. In such a case, the Member States shall inform the Commission of approvals granted and refusals to give recognition.

Article 3

The authorities of the Member State concerned shall withdraw official recognition from any breeders' organization or association which maintains herd-books if the conditions laid down in the Annex are no longer being fulfilled in a persistent manner by the breeders' organization or association concerned.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27 April 1984.

For the Commission

Poul DALSA GER

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

In order to be officially recognized, a breeders' organization or association which maintains or establishes a herd-book must:

1. have legal personality in accordance with the legislation in force in the Member State where the application is made;
2. prove to the competent authorities:
 - (a) that it operates efficiently;
 - (b) that it can carry out the checks necessary for recording pedigrees;
 - (c) that it has a sufficiently large herd to carry out a breed improvement programme, or that it has a sufficiently large herd to preserve the breed where this is considered necessary;
 - (d) that it can make use of the livestock performance data necessary for carrying out its breed improvement or preservation programme;
3. have a set of rules covering:
 - (a) the definition of the breed's (or breeds') characteristics;
 - (b) the system for identifying animals;
 - (c) the system for recording pedigrees;
 - (d) the definition of its breeding objectives,
 - (e) the systems for making use of livestock performance data,
 - (f) the division of the herd-book, if there are different conditions for entering animals or if there are different procedures for classifying the animals entered in the book;
4. have rules of procedure, adopted in accordance with its articles of association, laying down, in particular, the principle of non-discrimination between members.

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- (1) OJ No L 206, 12. 8. 1977, p. 8.