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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on zootechnical and genealogical conditions for the breeding, trade in and entry into the Union of purebred breeding animals, hybrid breeding pigs and the germinal products thereof and amending Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, Council Directives 89/608/EEC and 90/425/EEC and repealing certain acts in the area of animal breeding ('Animal Breeding Regulation')<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 30(10) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/717<sup>(2)</sup> lays down the model forms of zootechnical certificates for breeding animals and their germinal products and it is applicable as of 1 November 2018. Those model forms of zootechnical certificates were developed in consultation with Member State experts and relevant stakeholders in accordance with Annex V to Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 for the issuing of zootechnical certificates by breed societies or breeding operations in accordance with the requirement of Article 30(1) of that Regulation.
- (2) During the period of application of the new model forms of zootechnical certificates Member States and stakeholders notified the Commission of certain practical problems with the use of those model forms, as regards the printing of the zootechnical certificates and the verification of the identity of breeding animals. Also, the issuing of zootechnical certificates for germinal products by a single issuing body appeared to create problems due to the separation between breed societies and breeding operations on the one side and, where authorised in accordance with Article 31(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012, semen collection or storage centres, or embryo collection or production teams on the other side.
- (3) In order to allow breed societies and breeding operations to issue zootechnical certificates on a single sheet of paper, it is necessary to allow both portrait and landscape orientation of the printing. In addition, it should be allowed to replace the printing of the footnotes and notes provided for in the model forms of zootechnical certificates, by

printing of a reference to a directly accessible multilingual source of information, such as a valid and verified internet link to the relevant publication in the Official Journal, at a prominent place of the zootechnical certificate.

- (4) The format of the pedigree included in the model forms of the zootechnical certificates laid down in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/717 provides for an entry of a breeding book number of parents and grandparents of the breeding animal for which a zootechnical certificate is issued. The entry of an individual identification number of parents and grandparents in the pedigree is necessary where it is different from a breeding book number. Moreover, for extensive farming a period of mating rather than a date of mating should be provided in the model form of the zootechnical certificate.
- (5) Zootechnical certificates for germinal products provide information on the germinal products and on the donor animals. There are arrangements in place in some Member States, which require validation of information on a donor animal by a breed society or a breeding operation and on germinal products by a semen collection or storage centre or an embryo collection or production team. Therefore, there is a need to establish, in the model forms of zootechnical certificates for germinal products, a place for the signature of more than one issuing body. It should be also allowed to split the part of zootechnical certificate concerning germinal products from the part related to the donor animal under condition that a copy of the zootechnical certificate issued for the donor animal is attached to the zootechnical certificate issued for germinal products.
- (6) Taking into account the experience gained since Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/717 became applicable, it is necessary to update the model forms of the zootechnical certificates to facilitate the issuing and printing of those zootechnical certificates and to enable a better verification of the identity of breeding animals. Therefore, it is necessary to amend Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/717.
- (7) Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 and the delegated and implementing acts adopted under that Regulation provide rules replacing those laid down in Commission Decisions 84/247/EEC<sup>(3)</sup>, 84/419/EEC<sup>(4)</sup>, 89/501/EEC<sup>(5)</sup>, 89/502/EEC<sup>(6)</sup>, 89/503/EEC<sup>(7)</sup>, 89/504/EEC<sup>(8)</sup>, 89/505/EEC<sup>(9)</sup>, 89/506/EEC<sup>(10)</sup>, 89/507/EEC<sup>(11)</sup>, 90/254/EEC<sup>(12)</sup>, 90/255/EEC<sup>(13)</sup>, 90/256/EEC<sup>(14)</sup>, 90/257/EEC<sup>(15)</sup>, 90/258/EEC<sup>(16)</sup>, 92/353/EEC<sup>(17)</sup>, 92/354/EEC<sup>(18)</sup>, 96/78/EC<sup>(19)</sup>, 96/79/EC<sup>(20)</sup>, 96/509/EC<sup>(21)</sup>, 96/510/EC<sup>(22)</sup>, 2005/379/EC<sup>(23)</sup> and 2006/427/EC<sup>(24)</sup>. Those Decisions were adopted pursuant to Council Directives 88/661/EEC<sup>(25)</sup>, 89/361/EEC<sup>(26)</sup>, 90/427/EEC<sup>(27)</sup>, 94/28/EC<sup>(28)</sup> and 2009/157/EC<sup>(29)</sup> which were repealed by Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 from 1 November 2018.
- (8) For the sake of clarity, legal certainty and simplification, and to avoid duplication, Decisions 84/247/EEC, 84/419/EEC, 89/501/EEC, 89/502/EEC, 89/503/EEC, 89/504/EEC, 89/505/EEC, 89/506/EEC, 89/507/EEC, 90/254/EEC, 90/255/EEC, 90/256/EEC, 90/257/EEC, 90/258/EEC, 92/353/EEC, 92/354/EEC, 96/78/EC, 96/79/EC, 96/509/EC, 96/510/EC, 2005/379/EC and 2006/427/EC should be repealed.
- (9) In order to allow a smooth transition to the new measures, it is necessary to defer the date of application of this Regulation and to provide for a transitional measure as regards the issuing of zootechnical certificates for consignments of purebred breeding animals and hybrid breeding pigs, or their germinal products, in accordance with the models set

out in the respective Annexes to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/717 prior to the date of application of this Regulation.

- (10) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Zootechnics,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

- (1) [OJ L 171, 29.6.2016, p. 66.](#)
- (2) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/717 of 10 April 2017 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the model forms of zootechnical certificates for breeding animals and their germinal products ([OJ L 109, 26.4.2017, p. 9.](#))
- (3) Commission Decision 84/247/EEC of 27 April 1984 laying down the criteria for the recognition of breeders' organizations and associations which maintain or establish herd-books for pure-bred breeding animals of the bovine species ([OJ L 125, 12.5.1984, p. 58.](#))
- (4) Commission Decision 84/419/EEC of 19 July 1984 laying down the criteria for entering cattle in herd-books ([OJ L 237, 5.9.1984, p. 11.](#))
- (5) Commission Decision 89/501/EEC of 18 July 1989 laying down the criteria for approval and supervision of breeders' associations and breeding organizations which establish or maintain herd-books for pure-bred breeding pigs ([OJ L 247, 23.8.1989, p. 19.](#))
- (6) Commission Decision 89/502/EEC of 18 July 1989 laying down the criteria governing entry in herd-books for pure-bred breeding pigs ([OJ L 247, 23.8.1989, p. 21.](#))
- (7) Commission Decision 89/503/EEC of 18 July 1989 laying down the certificate of pure-bred breeding pigs, their semen, ova and embryos ([OJ L 247, 23.8.1989, p. 22.](#))
- (8) Commission Decision 89/504/EEC of 18 July 1989 laying down the criteria for approval and supervision of breeders' associations, breeding organizations and private undertakings which establish or maintain registers for hybrid breeding pigs ([OJ L 247, 23.8.1989, p. 31.](#))
- (9) Commission Decision 89/505/EEC of 18 July 1989 laying down the criteria governing entry in registers for hybrid breeding pigs ([OJ L 247, 23.8.1989, p. 33.](#))
- (10) Commission Decision 89/506/EEC of 18 July 1989 laying down the certificate of hybrid breeding pigs, their semen, ova and embryos ([OJ L 247, 23.8.1989, p. 34.](#))
- (11) Commission Decision 89/507/EEC of 18 July 1989 laying down methods for monitoring performance and assessing the genetic value of pure-bred and hybrid breeding pigs ([OJ L 247, 23.8.1989, p. 43.](#))
- (12) Commission Decision 90/254/EEC of 10 May 1990 laying down the criteria for approval of breeders' organizations and associations which establish or maintain flock-books for pure-bred breeding sheep and goats ([OJ L 145, 8.6.1990, p. 30.](#))
- (13) Commission Decision 90/255/EEC of 10 May 1990 laying down the criteria governing entry in flock-books for pure-bred breeding sheep and goats ([OJ L 145, 8.6.1990, p. 32.](#))
- (14) Commission Decision 90/256/EEC of 10 May 1990 laying down methods for monitoring performance and assessing the genetic value of pure-bred breeding sheep and goats ([OJ L 145, 8.6.1990, p. 35.](#))
- (15) Commission Decision 90/257/EEC of 10 May 1990 laying down the criteria for the acceptance for breeding purposes of pure-bred breeding sheep and goats and the use of their semen, ova or embryos ([OJ L 145, 8.6.1990, p. 38.](#))
- (16) Commission Decision 90/258/EEC of 10 May 1990 laying down the zootechnical certificates for pure-bred breeding sheep and goats, their semen, ova and embryo ([OJ L 145, 8.6.1990, p. 39.](#))
- (17) Commission Decision 92/353/EEC of 11 June 1992 laying down the criteria for the approval or recognition of organizations and associations which maintain or establish stud-books for registered equidae ([OJ L 192, 11.7.1992, p. 63.](#))
- (18) Commission Decision 92/354/EEC of 11 June 1992 laying down certain rules to ensure coordination between organizations and associations which maintain or establish stud-books for registered equidae ([OJ L 192, 11.7.1992, p. 66.](#))
- (19) Commission Decision 96/78/EC of 10 January 1996 laying down the criteria for entry and registration of equidae in stud-books for breeding purposes ([OJ L 19, 25.1.1996, p. 39.](#))
- (20) Commission Decision 96/79/EC of 12 January 1996 laying down the zootechnical certificates of semen, ova and embryos from registered equidae ([OJ L 19, 25.1.1996, p. 41.](#))

- (21) Commission Decision 96/509/EC of 18 July 1996 laying down pedigree and zootechnical requirements for the importation of semen of certain animals (OJ L 210, 20.8.1996, p. 47).
- (22) Commission Decision 96/510/EC of 18 July 1996 laying down the pedigree and zootechnical certificates for the importation of breeding animals, their semen, ova and embryos (OJ L 210, 20.8.1996, p. 53).
- (23) Commission Decision 2005/379/EC of 17 May 2005 on pedigree certificates and particulars for pure-bred breeding animals of the bovine species, their semen, ova and embryos (OJ L 125, 18.5.2005, p. 15).
- (24) Commission Decision 2006/427/EC of 20 June 2006 laying down performance monitoring methods and methods for assessing cattle's genetic value for pure-bred breeding animals of the bovine species (OJ L 169, 22.6.2006, p. 56).
- (25) Council Directive 88/661/EEC of 19 December 1988 on the zootechnical standards applicable to breeding animals of the porcine species (OJ L 382, 31.12.1988, p. 36).
- (26) Council Directive 89/361/EEC of 30 May 1989 concerning pure-bred breeding sheep and goats (OJ L 153, 6.6.1989, p. 30).
- (27) Council Directive 90/427/EEC of 26 June 1990 on the zootechnical and genealogical conditions governing intra-Community trade in equidae (OJ L 224, 18.8.1990, p. 55).
- (28) Council Directive 94/28/EC of 23 June 1994 laying down the principles relating to the zootechnical and genealogical conditions applicable to imports from third countries of animals, their semen, ova and embryos, and amending Directive 77/504/EEC on pure-bred breeding animals of the bovine species (OJ L 178, 12.7.1994, p. 66).
- (29) Council Directive 2009/157/EC of 30 November 2009 on pure-bred breeding animals of the bovine species (OJ L 323, 10.12.2009, p. 1).