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Horses (Zootechnical Standards) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

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The Department of Agriculture being designated(**a**) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**b**) in relation to the Common Agricultural Policy of the Economic Community, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said section 2(2), hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Horses (Zootechnical Standards) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1993.

Interpretation

2.—(1) Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**c**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(2) In these Regulations—

''Department'' means the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland;

''horse'' means a domestic animal of the equine or asinine species or crossbreeds thereof;

''recognised organisation'' means an organisation recognised by the Department for the purposes of these Regulations;

''studbook'' means any book, register, file or data medium:

(*a*) which is maintained by a recognised breeders' organisation, and

(*b*) in which horses of a given breed are entered or registered with mention of their ancestors.

Recognition of organisations and maintenance of studbook

3.—(1) The Department may recognise by notice in writing as a recognised organisation any organisation which satisfies the criteria specified in the Schedule, which recognition may be withdrawn at any time if the criteria are not satisfied.

(a) S.I. 1972/1811
(b) 1972 c. 68
(c) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)