



NEW FOREST PONY BREEDING AND CATTLE SOCIETY

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TO ALL EUROPEAN NEW FOREST FILIAL BREED SOCIETIES

ZOOTECHNICAL REGULATION (EU) 2016/1012

DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2017/1940 – content and format of equine zootechnical certificates

- **The implications of the Zotech Regulation on the operation of your breed society;**
- **your role and responsibilities as a filial breeding book;**
- **the issue of zootechnical certificates;**
- **and special reference to breeding book of origin principles for**
 - **DNA testing for myotonia**
 - **DNA testing for PSSM1**
 - **registration of descendants of Golden Wonder particularly with regard to licensing of colts for breeding purposes**

In many European countries there is a higher national or federal body which takes on the role of a single Passport Issuing Organisation and consequently, passport legislation has little relevance to individual societies. In contrast, the Zotech Regulation 2016/1012 is of **direct** relevance to breed societies.

The Zotech Regulation is the most important piece of legislation so far in this century for laying down the framework for breeding of pure-bred New Forest ponies and for the operation of all New Forest Pony breed societies. We should all be referring to it constantly.

Your attention is drawn to the following points.

BREEDING BOOK OF ORIGIN

Annex I, Part 3, point 3 (a)

The UK's New Forest Pony Breeding and Cattle Society (NFPBCS) has declared to its competent authority, the UK Government's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), that its New Forest Pony Studbook is the breeding book of origin for the New Forest Pony breed.

THIRD COUNTRY LISTING FOLLOWING EU EXIT

Chapter VIII – Entry into the Union of breeding animals and their germinal products

Article 34 – Listing of breeding bodies

Article 35 – Equivalence of measures applied to animal breeding in third countries

Article 36 – Entry in breeding books of breeding animals and offspring produced from germinal products that have entered the Union

Defra has confirmed that NFPBCS has been included within its request for Third Country Listing of Zootech recognised breeding bodies, sent to the Commission on 20 February 2020.

This means that NFPBCS retains its position as the Breeding Book of Origin.

FILIAL BREEDING BOOKS

ANNEX I, PART 3, point 3 (b)

At some stage (and this may have been in the past), each European New Forest breed society should have declared to its competent authority that its breeding book is a filial breeding book of the UK's NFPBCS New Forest Pony Studbook. You may wish to consult with your competent authority or national/federal body.

OBLIGATIONS OF FILIAL BREEDING BOOKS

ANNEX I, PART 3, point 3 (b)

Filial breed societies shall:

- (i) Incorporate into its own breeding programme the principles established by the breed society referred to in point (a) (that is NFPBCS) that maintains the breeding book of origin of the same breed.
- (ii) Make the information regarding the use of the principles referred to in point (i) and their source publicly available.
- (iii) Have mechanisms in place to ensure the necessary adjustments of the rules set out in its breeding programme, referred to in Article 8 (3), and, where applicable, Article 12, to the changes made to those principles by the breed society referred to in point (a) (that is NFPBCS) that maintains the breeding book of the origin of the breed.

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF BREED SOCIETIES

ARTICLE 14.1

As regards their breeding programmes, breed societies shall have the right to define and carry out such breeding programmes **autonomously**, provided that they comply with this Regulation and any conditions of their approval.

You may wish to consult with your national/federal body.

ZOOTECHNICAL CERTIFICATES

DELEGATED REGULATION EU 2017/1940

A Zootech certificate is a document which must accompany breeding animals – and, where relevant, their germinal products – which are due to be traded with/enter into the EU. Such certificates should inform the reader about the genetic quality and pedigree of an animal.

The format that these model Zootech certificates must follow is set out in the Annex of EU Regulation 2017/1940., although generally, for equines, they form part of the single lifetime identification document (passport).

However, where semen/germinal products are traded, the sample may need to be accompanied by the zootechnical certificate. Only the breed society can hold the certificates for their breed and any zootech certificate would initially be issued by the breed society. So if breeders wish to trade in germinal products that are entering another

Member State (or to/from the UK), they should ask the collection centre to contact the breed society which would send the zootech certificate to the collection centre for sign off.

Therefore you need to have a breed society copy of the zootechnical certificate ready. You may wish to consult with your national/federal body.

NFPBCS has filed a copy of its zootechnical certificate with Defra, its competent authority, at Defra's request.

Please ensure that the following three principles are incorporated into your breeding programme, in accordance with Annex I, Part 3, point 3 (b) of EU Regulation 2016/1012.

DNA TESTING FOR MYOTONIA

The International Meeting in Holland in 2017 agreed the general principle that compulsory testing of stallions for myotonia is no longer required, **except** if they are known to be descendants of Kantjes Ronaldo. Stallions should test clear/negative. Mares from that line should be tested if they are to be used for breeding purposes. Breeding from carrier mares is not advised.

DNA TESTING FOR POLYSACCHARIDE STORAGE MYOPATHY TYPE 1 (PSSM1)

NFPBCS as the breeding book of origin, has established the principle that **all** licensed stallions should test clear/negative for PSSM1. Breeding licences should be removed from older stallions for future breeding purposes if they are found to test either n/P1 or P1/P1. Breeding licences should not be granted to colts until they have tested n/n. This principle will remain in place until a future International Meeting agrees otherwise.

REGISTRATION OF DESCENDANTS OF GOLDEN WONDER PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO LICENSING OF COLTS FOR BREEDING PURPOSES

It has been brought to the attention of NFPBCS that some colts are coming forward for licensing for breeding purposes when they are ineligible, owing to errors either in their own registration, or in the registration of their parents/grand-parents who carry too high a percentage of Golden Wonder blood.

In 1993-1994 agreement was reached with the Nederlands New Forest Pony Stamboek to reduce the level of 'Golden Wonder' blood to a maximum of 6.25% over an agreed timetable. Further it was agreed that the UK and the other European filial societies would not accept ponies with more than 6.25% GW as New Forest. These ponies were not considered eligible for the main section of the stud book (as now defined in Articles 2(13), 15, 16 and 18 of EU Regulation 2016/1012), and should have been entered into a 'sports register'.

Descendants of ponies registered in 'sports' or other registers cannot be 'graded up' or registered in the main section of the stud book, as the stud book **does not** have a supplementary section (Article 17 of EU Regulation 2016/1012).

Therefore it is imperative that pedigrees of parents and grand-parents are checked before registering foals to ensure that they are eligible for the main section of the stud book.

It is particularly important to check the registration status of all colts coming forward for licensing for breeding purposes. If an error is found in the registration status of the colt (for example, he is found to have parents or grand-parents registered in a 'sports' or other register) then he should be removed from the main section of the stud book and not granted a licence for breeding purposes.

DISTRIBUTION OF THIS DOCUMENT AND FURTHER DISCUSSION

Please refer this document to your managing board/council and share widely within your society.

This document and the Zotech Regulation will be discussed at the next International Meeting of New Forest breed societies, due to be held in the UK in 2021.

NFPBCS has sent a copy of this document to its competent authority, the Zotech Team at Defra.

You are advised to send a copy of this document to your competent authority and/or national/federal body.

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