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NOTICE TO BREEDERS SUBJECT TO REGULATION (EU) 2016/1012 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL 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

The United Kingdom submitted on 29 March 2017 the notification of its intention to withdraw from the Union pursuant to Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union. This means that unless the withdrawal agreement establishes another date or the period is extended by the European Council in accordance with Article 50(3) of the Treaty on European Union, all Union primary and secondary law ceases to apply to the United Kingdom from 30 March 2019, 00:00h (CET) ("the withdrawal date"). The United Kingdom would then become a 'third country'.

In view of the considerable uncertainties, in particular concerning the content of a possible withdrawal agreement, all breeders referred to in Article 2(5) and (6) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹ are reminded of certain legal repercussions stemming from the current rules of Union law on zootechnics and the above mentioned Animal Breeding Regulation applicable as of 1 November 2018, when the United Kingdom becomes a third country, which need to be considered.

Issues to be considered by breeders:

- As of the withdrawal date, breed societies and breeding operations in the United Kingdom will no longer be listed in accordance with Article 7 of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012.
- As of the withdrawal date, purebred breeding animals and hybrid breeding pigs, or the offspring of germinal products of those animals, may only be entered in breeding books or registered in breeding registers established in Member States of EU-27, if they were accompanied by a zootechnical certificate in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/717², issued by a breeding body in the United Kingdom if listed in accordance with Article 34 of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012.

¹ 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') (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).

- Breeders who have their breeding animals entered in breeding books established by breed societies or registered in breeding registers established by breeding operations recognised in the United Kingdom may consider to enter or register those animals before the withdrawal date (also) in the appropriate breeding books and registers established for the same breed or cross in a Member State of EU-27.
- Equidae imported into a Member State of EU-27 from the United Kingdom after the withdrawal date shall be identified, as any equidae imported from other third countries, in accordance with Articles 14 and 15 of Regulation (EU) 2015/262.³

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³ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/262 of 17 February 2015 laying down rules pursuant to Council Directives 90/427/EEC and 2009/156/EC as regards the methods for the identification of equidae (Equine Passport Regulation) (OJ L 59, 3.3.2015, p. 1).