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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) Article 30(4) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 provides that where breeding animals, or their germinal products, that have been entered in a breeding book maintained by a breed society or registered in a breeding register maintained by a breeding operation are traded and where those breeding animals, or the offspring produced from those germinal products, are intended to be entered or registered in another breeding book or breeding register, those breeding animals, or their germinal products, should be accompanied by a zootechnical certificate.
- (2) Article 30(5) Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 also provides that where breeding animals, or their germinal products, that have been entered in a breeding book or registered in a breeding register maintained by a breeding body included in the list provided for in Article 34, enter the Union and where those breeding animals, or the offspring produced from those germinal products, are intended to be entered in a breeding book maintained by a breed society or registered in a breeding register maintained by a breeding operation, those breeding animals, or their germinal products, should be accompanied by a zootechnical certificate.
- (3) That zootechnical certificate may be issued by the breed society or breeding operation of dispatch of the breeding animals or of the germinal products thereof, or by the breeding body listed in accordance with Article 34 of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012, that carries out breeding programmes on those breeding animals, or by the competent authorities referred to in Article 8(3), or, where applicable, Article 12(2)(a) of that Regulation, or by the official service of the third country of dispatch.
- (4) In addition, Article 31(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 provides that the competent authority may authorise that germinal products are to be accompanied by a zootechnical certificate issued, on the basis of the information received from the breed society or breeding operation, by a semen collection or storage centre, or by an

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 171, 29.6.2016, p. 66.

embryo collection or production team, approved for intra-Union trade in those germinal products in accordance with Union animal health legislation.

- (5) Article 30(6) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 specifies that zootechnical certificates should contain information set out in the relevant Parts and Chapters of Annex V to that Regulation and empowers the Commission to adopt implementing acts laying down model forms of those zootechnical certificates.
- (6) Therefore it is necessary to establish model forms for the zootechnical certificates that should accompany breeding animals and their germinal products which are traded within the Union or which entered the Union.
- (7) Article 31(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 provides that the competent authority may authorise the non-use of the model zootechnical certificates set out in this Implementing Regulation provided that, in the case of breeding animals of the bovine, porcine, ovine and caprine species, the information set out in Chapter I of Part 2 of Annex V or Chapter I of Part 3 of Annex V to Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 is contained in other documents accompanying those breeding animals, issued by the breed society or breeding operation, or, in the case of germinal products of the bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine and equine species, the information related to the donors of those germinal products is contained in other documents or in copies of the original zootechnical certificate accompanying those germinal products or, before or after the dispatch of those germinal products, it is, on request, made available by the breed society or breeding operation or the other operators issuing zootechnical certificates, or the information related to the semen, oocytes or embryos is contained in other documents accompanying that semen, those oocytes or those embryos, issued by the breed society or breeding operation or the other operators.
- (8) Article 31(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 provides that where the results of performance testing or genetic evaluation are publicly available on a website, a reference to that website where those results can be accessed may be provided in the zootechnical certificate instead of those results. That possibility should be reflected in the zootechnical certificate.
- (9) Article 32(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 provides that in the case of purebred breeding animals of the equine species, the information set out in Chapter I of Part 2 of Annex V shall be contained in a single lifetime identification document for equidae, the means of identification of equidae in the Union in accordance with Union animal health law, and empowers the Commission to adopt delegated acts concerning the content and format of such identification documents. Therefore, the model zootechnical certificate for trade in purebred breeding animals of the equine species is not included in 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:

#### *Article 1*

1. For trade in purebred breeding animals and their germinal products, the information set out in Parts 1 and 2 of Annex V to Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 to be included in the zootechnical certificates shall be presented in accordance with the model forms set out in Annex I for the respective commodity as follows:

- (a) Section A for purebred breeding animals of the bovine, porcine, ovine and caprine species;
  - (b) Section B for semen of purebred breeding animals of the bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine and equine species;
  - (c) Section C for oocytes of purebred breeding animals of the bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine and equine species,
  - (d) Section D for embryos of purebred breeding animals of the bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine and equine species.
2. For trade in hybrid breeding pigs and their germinal products, the information set out in Parts 1 and 3 of Annex V to Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 to be included in the zootechnical certificates shall be presented in accordance with the model forms set out in Annex II for the respective commodity as follows:
- (a) Section A for hybrid breeding pigs,
  - (b) Section B for semen of hybrid breeding pigs;
  - (c) Section C for oocytes of hybrid breeding pigs;
  - (d) Section D for embryos of hybrid breeding pigs.

#### *Article 2*

1. For entry into the Union of purebred breeding animals and their germinal products, the information set out in Parts 1 and 2 of Annex V to Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 to be included in the zootechnical certificates shall be presented in accordance with the model forms set out in Annex III for the respective commodity as follows:
  - (a) Section A for purebred breeding animals of the bovine, porcine, ovine and caprine species;
  - (b) Section B for purebred breeding animals of the equine species;
  - (c) Section C for semen of purebred breeding animals of the bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine and equine species;
  - (d) Section D for oocytes of purebred breeding animals of the bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine and equine species,
  - (e) Section E for embryos of purebred breeding animals of the bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine and equine species.
2. For entry into the Union of hybrid breeding pigs and their germinal products, the information set out in Parts 1 and 3 of Annex V to Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 to be included in the zootechnical certificates shall be presented in accordance with the model forms set out in Annex IV for the respective commodity as follows:
  - (a) Section A for hybrid breeding pigs,
  - (b) Section B for semen of hybrid breeding pigs;
  - (c) Section C for oocytes of hybrid breeding pigs;
  - (d) Section D for embryos of hybrid breeding pigs.

*Article 3*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 November 2018.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
*Jean- Claude JUNCKER*