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VETERINARY SERVICES ACT, 2001
(ACT NO. XXIII OF 2001)

Hybrid-Breeding Pigs for Breeding Regulations, 2003

IN exercise of the powers conferred by article 34(b) of the Veterinary Services Act, the Minister for Rural Affairs and the Environment has made the following regulations:-

Title and scope.

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Hybrid-Breeding Pigs for Breeding Regulations, 2003.

(2) The scope of these regulations is ti implement the provisions found under European Union Council Directive 90/119/EEC of hybrid breeding pigs which in turn has a legal basis in article 8 of European Union Council Directive 88/661/EEC.

Acceptance of hybrid breeding pigs.

2. In the territory of Malta, without prejudice to animal health rules there is no prohibition or restriction of or obstacle to –

(a) The acceptance of hybrid breeding female pigs for breeding;

(b) The acceptance of hybrid breeding male pigs for natural service;

(c) The acceptance for artificial insemination of hybrid breeding male pigs whose line has been tested for monitoring performance and assessing its genetic value;

(d) The use of the semen of the animal referred to in paragraph (e);

(e) The acceptance, for official testing, of hybrid breeding male pigs or the use of the semen of such pigs within quantitative limits necessary for the tests for monitoring their performance and assessing their genetic value to be carried out;

(f) The use of ova and embryos from hybrid breeding female pigs.

Collection, treatment and storage of semen, ova and embryos for marketing.

3. In the territory of Malta, without prejudice to animal health rules, for marketing, the semen, ova and embryos are collected, treated and stored by an officially approved centre or officially approved staff.

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