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

Acceptance of Pure-Bred Breeding Pigs for Breeding Regulations, 2003

IN exercise of the powers conferred by Article 34(b) of the Veterinary Services Act, 2001, 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 Acceptance of Pure-Bred Breeding Pigs for Breeding Regulations, 2003.

(2) The scope of these regulations is to implement the provisions found under European Union Council Directive 90/118/EEC on the acceptance of pure-bred breeding pigs for breeding which in turn finds its legal basis under article 3 of the European Union Council Directive 88/661/EEC.

Acceptance of pure-bred breeding pigs.

2. (1) 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 pure-bred breeding female pigs for breeding;

(b) The acceptance of pure-bred breeding male pigs for natural service;

(c) The use of ova and embryos from pure-bred breeding female pigs.

(2) For the purpose of these regulations "trading partner" in the meaning of article 2 of the Veterinary Services Act shall mean –

(a) Member States of the European Community;

(b) Third countries to the European Community.

Acceptance of artificial insemination and official testing of pure-bred breeding pigs.

3. (1) No prohibition, restriction or impediment shall take place on -

(a) the acceptance for artificial insemination within the territory of Malta of pure-bred breeding male pigs or the use of their semen when those animals have been accepted for artificial insemination in a Member State on the basis of tests for monitoring their performance and assessing their genetic value to be carried out in accordance with Member State legislation corresponding to European Union Commission Decision 89/507/EEC;

(b) the acceptance for official testing of pure-bred breeding male pigs or the use of their semen within the quantitative limits necessary for the tests for monitoring their performance and assessing their genetic value to be carried out in accordance with Member State legislation corresponding to European Union Commission Decision 89/507/EEC by officially approved associations or organisations.

(2) Where implementation of the provisions of sub-regulation (1) of this regulation would give rise to disputes, particularly with regard to interpretation of the tests, operators shall have the right to seek the opinion of an expert. In the light of the expert's opinion, measures may be adopted in accordance with requirements of the European Community and according to the procedure laid down in article 34 (b) of the Veterinary Services Act.

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

4. 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.