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

**Methods for the Genetic Identification of Pure-bred Breeding Animals of the
Bovine Species Regulations, 2003**

IN exercise of the powers conferred by article 34(a) 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 Methods for the Genetic Identification of Pure-bred Breeding Animals of the Bovine Species Regulations, 2003.

(2) The scope of these regulations is to implement the provisions found under European Commission Decision 2002/8/EC laying down the methods for the genetic identification of pure-bred breeding animals of the bovine species and amending Decisions 88/124/EEC and 96/80/EC. This Decision finds its legal basis under European Union Council Directive 77/504/EEC, article 6(1) and European Union Council Directive 87/328/EEC, article 3.

Cases of approval of genome analysis

2. In addition to blood group analysis, any other test on the basis of genome analysis providing equivalent guarantees and being sufficiently specific to verify the pedigree of an animal at a certainty of at least 99,0 % is approved for the identification of pure-bred bovine animals for breeding purposes.