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VETERINARY SERVICES ACT
(ACT NO. XXIII OF 2001)

(Entry in Flock-Books Criteria) Pure-Bred Breeding Sheep and Goats Regulations, 2003

IN exercise of the powers conferred by article 34(c) 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 **(**Entry in Flock-Books Criteria) Pure-Bred Breeding Sheep and Goats Regulations, 2003

(2) The scope of these regulations is to implement the provisions found under European Union Commission Decision 90/255/EEC laying down the criteria governing entry in flock-books for pure-bred breeding sheep and goats. This Decision finds its legal basis under European Union Council Directive 89/361/EEC, article 4, second indent.

Qualifications for entry into the main section of the book

2. To qualify for entry in the main section of the book of its breed a pure-bred breeding sheep or goat must -

(a) be descended from parents and grandparents entered in a flock-book of that same breed;

(b) be identified after birth according to the rules of the book;

(c) have a pedigree established in accordance with the rules of the book.

Classification according to animals' characteristics

3. The main section of the flock-book may be divided into several classes according to the animals' characteristics. Only pure-bred breeding sheep and goats meeting the criteria laid down in regulation 2 may be entered in one of the classes.

Non-conforming animals of the female species

4. (1) A breeders' organisation or association keeping a flock-book may decide that a female which does not meet the criteria laid down in regulation 2 may be entered in a schedule to the flock-book. The female must meet the following requirements –

(a) be identified after birth in accordance with the flock-book rules,

(b) be judged to conform to the breed standard,

(c) have minimum characteristics as laid down by the flock-book rules.

(2) A female whose mother and maternal grandmother are entered in the Schedule to the flock-book as provided for in subregulation (1) of this regulation and whose father and two grandfathers are entered in the main section of the book in accordance with regulation 2, is regarded as a pure-bred female and entered in the main section of the book, as provided for in regulation 2.

(3) The requirements mentioned in the second and third indents of subregulation (1) may be differentiated according to whether the female belongs to the breed but has no known origin or was obtained from a crossing programme approved by the breeders' organisations or associations.

Criteria laid down under regulation 2 not being kept – animals of the male species

5. A breeder's organisation or association keeping a flock-book may decide that a male which does not meet the criteria laid down in regulation 2, may be entered in an Schedule to the flock book. The male must meet the following requirements –

(a) be identified after birth in accordance with the flock-book rules;

(b) be judged to conform to the breed standard;

(c) have minimum characteristics as laid down by the flock-book rules;

(d) fulfil the conditions laid down in the Schedule hereto.

Classification entered into section of flock-book according to characteristics

6. Where a book contains several classes, a pure-bred breeding sheep or goat from another flock-book of the same breed and having specific characteristics distinguishing it from the population of the same breed in the flock-book of destination, shall be entered in such section of the book whose characteristics it meets.

SCHEDULE

Conditions provided for in regulation 5 (d)

The male must belong to a hardy breed of sheep which is not normally intended for milk production and to one of the following breeds –

Alacarrena	Lonk
Appenninica	Merina
Bergamasca	Merino Beira Baixa
Biellese	Merino Branco
Blackface	Montesina
Campanica	North Country Cheviot
Cheviot	Ojalada
Churra Algarvia	Resa Aragonesa
Churra de Terra Quente	Ripollesa
Dalesbred	Ronaldsay
Dartmoor	Rough Fell
Derbyshire Gritstone	Segurena
Exmoor Horn	Shetland
Eppynt Hill and Beulah Speckled Face	Soay
	Sopravissana
Galega Bragancana	St Kilda
Gallega	Swaledale
Gentile di Puglia	Talaverana
Gotland	Welsh Mountain
Hardwick	