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VETERINARY SERVICES ACT
(ACT NO. XXIII OF 2001)

Criteria for the Acceptance for Breeding Purposes of Pure-Bred Breeding Sheep and Goats and the Use of their Semen, Ova or Embryos 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 Criteria for the Acceptance for Breeding Purposes of Pure-Bred Breeding Sheep and Goats and the Use of their Semen, Ova or Embryos Regulations, 2003.

(2) The scope of these regulations is to implement the provisions found under European Union Commission Decision 90/257/EEC laying down the criteria for the acceptance for breeding purposes of pure-bred breeding sheep and goats and the use of their semen, ova or embryos. This Decision finds its legal basis under European Union Council Directive 89/361/EEC, article 4.

Acceptance for breeding of pure-bred breeding sheep and goats

2. Without prejudice to regulation 3 all pure-bred breeding sheep and goats, whether male or female, which are registered in a flock-book shall be accepted for breeding.

Artificial insemination and use of semen of male pure-bred breeding sheep and goats

3. (1) Male pure-bred breeding sheep and goats shall be accepted for the purposes of artificial insemination and use of their semen if they have undergone tests for monitoring their performance and assessing their genetic value pursuant to European Union Commission Decision 90/256/EEC.

(2) Male pure-bred breeding and goats shall be accepted for the purposes of official testing and use of their semen, within the quantitative limits required for monitoring their performance and assessing their genetic value pursuant to European Union Commission Decision 90/256/EEC.

(3) Female pure-bred breeding sheep and goats shall be accepted for breeding and use of their ova and embryos.

Collection, treatment and storage of semen, ova and embryos

4. The semen, ova and embryos must be collected, treated and stored by an officially approved centre or officially approved personnel.