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VETERINARY SERVICES ACT (CAP. 437)

Zootechnical and Genealogical Conditions for the Breeding, Trade in and Entry into Malta of Purebred Breeding Animals, Hybrid Breeding Pigs and the Germinal Products thereof (Implementing) Rules, 2024

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by articles 7, 8 and 9, and 34 of the Veterinary Services Act, the Minister responsible for veterinary services has made the following rules:-

Citation, scope and commencement.

1. (1) The title of these rules is the Zootechnical and Genealogical Conditions for the Breeding, Trade in and Entry into Malta of Purebred Breeding Animals, Hybrid Breeding Pigs and the Germinal Products thereof (Implementing) Rules, 2024.

(2) The scope of these rules is to implement the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on zootechnical and genealogical conditions for the breeding, trade in and entry into the Union of purebred breeding animals, hybrid breeding pigs and the germinal products thereof and amending Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, Council Directives 89/608/EEC and 90/425/EEC and repealing certain acts in the area of animal breeding ("Animal Breeding Regulation").

(3) These rules shall come into force within two (2) months from their publication in the Gazette.

Interpretation.

2. (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:

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"Act" means the Veterinary Service Act;

"competent authority" means the Veterinary Services;

"Director" means the Director of Veterinary Services as defined in the Act;

"Regulation (EU) 2016/1012" means Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8th June 2016 on zootechnical and genealogical conditions for the breeding, trade in and entry into the Union of purebred breeding animals, hybrid breeding pigs and the germinal products thereof and amending Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, Council Directives

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89/608/EEC and 90/425/EEC and repealing certain acts in the area of animal breeding ("Animal Breeding Regulation").

(2) For the purposes of these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, terms used in these rules which are not defined herein shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Act and Regulation (EU) 2016/1012.

Competent authority.

3. The Veterinary Services as defined in the Act shall be the competent authority for the purposes of Regulation (EU) No 2016/1012.

Certificates and forms.

4. The model forms of zootechnical certificates for breeding animals and their germinal products in accordance with Annex V to Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 for the issuing of zootechnical certificates by breed societies or breeding operations in accordance with the requirement of Article 30(1) of the said Regulation, shall be those found in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/602 of 15 April 2020 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/717 as regards the model forms of zootechnical certificates for breeding animals and their germinal products.

Offences, punishments and administrative penalties.

5. (1) Whenever any person infringes any of the provisions of these rules or Regulation (EU) 2016/1012, the provisions of articles 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60 and 61 of the Act shall apply.

(2) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-rule (1), the Court may also order any person who is found guilty of an offence in accordance with these rules, to pay for the expenses incurred by the competent authority and the Director as a result of the said offence, the revocation of any permits or certification issued under these rules and the confiscation, retention and disposal of the animals involved.

Repeal and saving.

6. (1) The regulations listed hereunder are hereby being repealed and substituted by these rules:

(a) Certificate of Hybrid Breeding Pigs, their Semen, Ova and Embryos Regulations; S.L. 437.03.

(b) Hybrid-Breeding Pigs for Breeding Regulations; S.L. 437.04.

(c) Acceptance of Pure-Bred Breeding Animals of the Bovine Species for Breeding Purposes Regulations; S.L. 437.05.

(d) Acceptance of Pure-Bred Breeding Pigs for Breeding Regulations; S.L. 437.06.

(e) Entry in Registers for Hybrid Breeding Pigs Regulations; S.L. 437.07.

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S.L. 437.08. (f) Pure-Bred Breeding Bovines Regulations;

S.L. 437.09. (g) Breeding Animals of the Porcine Species (Zootechnical Standards) Regulations;

S.L. 437.10. (h) Methods for Monitoring Performance and Assessing the Genetic Value of Pure-Bred and Hybrid Breeding Pigs Regulations;

S.L. 437.11. (i) Trade with Member States in Equidae (Zootechnical and Genealogical Conditions) Regulations;

S.L. 437.12. (j) Zootechnical and Pedigree Requirements for the Marketing of Pure-Bred Animals Regulations;

S.L. 437.13. (k) Pure-Bred Breeding Sheep and Goats Regulations;

S.L. 437.14. (l) Zootechnical and Genealogical Conditions applicable to Imports from Third Countries of Animals, their Semen, Ova and Embryos Regulations;

S.L. 437.16. (m) Criteria for the Recognition of Breeder's Organisations and Associations which maintain or establish Herd-books for Pure-bred Breeding Animals of the Bovine Species Regulations;

S.L. 437.17. (n) Identification of Equidae for Breeding and Production Regulations;

S.L. 437.18. (o) Methods for the Genetic Identification of Pure-bred Breeding Animals of the Bovine Species Regulations;

S.L. 437.19. (p) Criteria for the approval and supervision of Breeders Associations and Breeding Organisations which establish or maintain Herd-Books for Pure-Bred Breeding Pigs Regulations;

S.L. 437.20. (q) Certificate of Pure-Bred Breeding Pigs, their Semen, Ova and Embryos Regulations;

S.L. 437.21. (r) Pedigree and Zootechnical Requirements for the Importation of Semen of Certain Animals Regulations

S.L. 437.22. (s) Approval and Supervision of Breeders' Associations, Breeding Organisations and Private Undertakings (Registers for Hybrid Breeding Pigs) Regulations;

S.L. 437.23. (t) Specimen Pedigree Certificates for the Ova of Breeding Animals of the Bovine Species and the Relative Particulars Regulations;

S.L. 437.24. (u) Criteria for Entering Cattle in Herd-Books

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Regulations;

(v) Specimen and the Particulars on the Pedigree Certificate of Pure-Bred Breeding Animals of the Bovine Species Regulations; S.L. 437.25.

(w) Co-Ordination between Organisations and Associations which maintain or establish Stud-Books for Registered Equidae Regulations; S.L. 437.26.

(x) Criteria for Approval of Breeders' Organisations and Associations which establish or maintain Flock-Books for Pure-Bred Breeding Sheep and Goats Regulations; S.L. 437.27.

(y) Pure-Bred Breeding Pigs (Entry into Herd-Books Criteria) Regulations; S.L. 437.28.

(z) Performance Monitoring Methods and Methods for Assessing Cattle's Genetic Value for Pure Bred Breeding Animals of the Bovine Species Regulations; S.L. 437.29.

(aa) Pure-Bred Breeding Sheep and Goats (Entry in Flock-Books Criteria) Regulations; S.L. 437.31.

(ab) Methods for Monitoring Performance and Assessing the Genetic Value of Pure-Bred Breeding Sheep and Goats Regulations; S.L. 437.32.

(ac) Criteria for the Acceptance for Breeding Purposes of Pure-Bred Breeding Sheep and Goats and the Use of their Semen, Ova and Embryos Regulations; S.L. 437.33.

(ad) Zootechnical Certificates for Pure-Bred Breeding Sheep and Goats, their Semen, Ova and Embryos Regulations; S.L. 437.34.

(ae) Criteria for the approval or Recognition of Organisations and Associations which maintain or establish Stud-Books for Registered Equidae Regulations; S.L. 437.35.

(af) Entry and Registration of Equidae Criteria in Stud-Books for Breeding Purposes Regulations; and S.L. 437.36.

(ag) Particulars found in Zootechnical Certificates of Semen, Ova and Embryos from Registered Equidae Regulations. S.L. 437.37.

(2) Any act, decision or action taken before the coming into force of these rules shall remain to be regulated by the provisions of the regulations as in force prior to the coming into force of these rules.

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