

New EU-regulations for purebred horses

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Background

- Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 of 8 June 2016

Definitions:

- Competent authority: NFSA (Norwegian Food Safety Authority)
Responsible for
 - recognition of breed societies and their breeding programmes
 - official control
- Purebred breeding animal – an animal which is entered or registered and eligible for entry in the main section of a breeding book

- Breeding book
 - any herd-book, flock-book, stud-book, file or data medium which is maintained by a breeding society consisting of a main section and, where the breed society so decides, of one or more supplementary sections for animals of the same species that are not eligible for entry into the main section.
- Enters into force in Norway from the 1th of november 2018

Approval of breeding programmes

- A breeding society or a breeding operation shall submit applications for approval of its breeding programmes to the competent authority
 - The competent authority shall evaluate those breeding programmes and approve them provided that
 - they have one or more of the following aims
 - the improvement of the breed
 - the preservation of the breed
 - they describe in detail the selection and breeding objectives

Changes to an approved breeding programme

- Prior to the implementation of any significant changes in its breeding programme, a breed society shall notify those changes to the competent authority
 - Unless that competent authority indicates otherwise within a period of 90 days from the date of notification, those changes shall be considered to have been approved

Entry in a breeding book

- Main section
 - the section of a breeding book in which purebred breeding animals are entered
 - where different criteria or procedures are established by breed societies for entering animals in different classes. Breed societies may divide the main section of breeding books into classes
 - according to the merits
 - According to the age or gender

Those criteria and procedures may require that the purebred breeding animal undergo the performance testing or genetic evaluation or any other assessments described in the breeding programme

- **Supplementary sections**
 - Breed societies may establish one or more supplementary sections in the breeding
 - Animals of the same species that are not eligible for entry in the main section

Main section (Norges Fjordhestlag)

- **A-register (Main studbook)**
 - Offspring from approved stallion and mare in section A
 - Offspring from approved stallion and mare in section B with four approved generations
- **B-register:**
 - Offspring from unapproved stallion
 - Offspring from approved stallion and mare in sec B with less than four approved generations
 - Approved pedigree, but impossible to fulfil the DNA-control

Supplementary section (Norges Fjordhestlag)

- Offspring that for some reason cannot be qualified for entry either in sec A or B
- Offspring from unapproved stallion and mother with incomplete registration
- Mares that are “Type-approved”
- Fjordhorses conceived by embryo transfer