

Agreement on issuing single identification documents and registering into HorselD equine animals born on Belgian soil and intended to be entered in the breeding book managed by a foreign breed society.

Between

The foreign breed society, hereinafter referred to as "FS", represented by

And

DG APF - Animal and Plant Health Policy of Belgium's Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment (FPS HFCSE).

Purpose:

The purpose of this agreement is to regulate the relations between the FS and the CBC in order to comply with the prevailing European and Belgian national regulations on issuing and delivering single identification documents for Belgian equine animals intended to be entered in a breeding book kept by a foreign breeding organisation.

General

DG APF - Animal and Plant Health Policy of the Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment (FPS HFCSE) is the competent authority with regard to the identification of equine animals in Belgium.

The FPS HFCSE has entrusted the various tasks related to the identification of equine animals by means of an agreement to the Confédération belge du Cheval (CBC) and its two regional wings: Paardenpunt Vlaanderen (PPV) and Confédération Wallonie-Bruxelles du Cheval (CWBC).

The FS is a breed society recognised by *(name of the competent authority according to the Animal Breeding Regulation¹ and name of the Member State)* for the purpose of carrying out a breeding programme on purebred breeding animals of the equine species that are entered in the breeding book of the following breed *(name of the breed concerned)* and a geographical extension of that breeding programme on the territory of the Flemish Region and/or of the Brussels Capital Region and/or of the Walloon Region *(cross out what does*

¹ 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')

not apply) has been approved by the regional Competent Authority(ies) according to the Animal Breeding Regulation

Art.1. Rights and duties of the FS

The FS's representative who wishes to issue and deliver a detailed identification document for the equine animals entered in Belgium in the breeding book it manages, must complete and sign the attached document:

Appendix 1: "*Solemn declaration related to the compliance with the conditions by the foreign breed society wishing to draw up and deliver the single lifetime identification documents for equine animals entered in the breeding book they manage*";

The following regulations and their amendments must be observed at all times:

1. Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ("Animal Health Law" (AHL));
2. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2035 of 28 June 2019 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards rules for establishments keeping terrestrial animals and hatcheries, and the traceability of certain kept terrestrial animals and hatching eggs;
3. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/963 of 10 June 2021 laying down rules for the application of Regulations (EU) 2016/429, (EU) 2016/1012 and (EU) 2019/6 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the identification and registration of equine animals and establishing model identification documents for those animals;
4. Belgian Royal Decree of 7 November 2022 concerning the rules on establishments keeping equine animals as well as on the traceability of equine animals.

The FS is authorised to draw up identification documents as long as:

- it has been recognised by the competent authority of the Member State where it is located;
- it complies with the prevailing European and national regulations with regard to the identification of equine animals;
- it complies with the guidelines of the FPS HFCSE and the CBC with regard to the identification of equine animals.

The name of any FS signing the attached document will be published on the FPS HFCSE website as well as its choice with regard to the way it cooperates with the CBC: by means of a webservice or an Excel file.

Art.2. Request for authorisation from the FS to draw up and issue single identification documents for equine animals born in Belgium

The FS must report to the FPS HFCSE (Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment). This notification must be given electronically, by sending an e-mail to the following address: apf.vetserv@health.fgov.be.

The electronic notification is accompanied by the attached documents signed by the FS's representative and by a model of the identification document issued by the FS. The FS agrees to inform the FPS HFCSE of any changes that would affect its format or content.

After a favourable assessment of this request by the FPS HFCSE, the FS is listed on the FPS HFCSE website.

Even in case of an unfavourable assessment of the request, the FPS HFCSE informs the FS of such an assessment.

The FPS HFCSE informs the CBC of the FS's request and whether or not a favourable assessment has been given.

Art.3. Identification of equine animals born on Belgian soil

All equine animals born on Belgian soil must be identified on-site by a Belgian veterinarian identifier mentioned on the list managed by the FPS HFCSE. This on-site identification consists of the implantation of a transponder (or the checking of the number of the transponder that may already have been implanted) and a description using the IT-application developed for this purpose in Belgium.

Art.4. Sending information on equine animals stationed in Belgium

Art.4.1. Either the FS uses a webservice to exchange data with HorseID. In that case, the FS is authorised to issue and deliver the single identification document directly to the Belgian holder;

Art.4.2. Or the FS uses Excel files to exchange data with HorseID. In that case, the FS issues the single identification document for the equine animal but cannot deliver it directly to the holder. The identification document is sent to the CBC that will deliver it to the Belgian holder.

Art.5. Information to be sent by the FS to HorseID

The FS agrees to send to the CBC (using the webservice or Excel file) any request for identification received from a holder for a foal intended to be entered in the breeding book it manages in time for the equine animal to receive its identification document prior to the foal reaching the age of 12 months. The technical details and the electronic communication mode of the request are defined by the CBC in consultation with the FS.

The CBC keeps the identification data of any equine animal entered or intended to be entered in Belgium in the breeding book kept by the FS at the disposal of the latter in order for the FS to be able to draw up the single lifetime identification document of the equine animal.

If the FS uses the webservice, it informs, while using HorseID, the CBC of the date on which any identification document it issues was delivered.

Art.6. Data related to the identification of the equine animal and its health status.

The CBC manages and is responsible for the identification data to be included in Sections I, II and III of the single lifetime identification document as referred to in Annex II of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/963 of 10 June 2021 laying down rules for the application of Regulations (EU) 2016/429, (EU) 2016/1012 and (EU) 2019/6 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the identification and registration of equine animals and establishing model identification documents for those animals.

Once the data have been validated, the CBC will notify the FS.

Art.7. Drawing up the equine animal's detailed single lifetime identification document

The FS agrees to deliver the detailed single lifetime identification document of an equine animal entered in the breeding book it manages prior to the foal reaching the age of 12 months.

If, for administrative reasons, the FS delivers the first identification document after the equine animal has reached the age of 12 months, the detailed identification document must be titled "duplicate". Section II, Part II must be completed to exclude the equine animal permanently from slaughter for human consumption.

If the FS does not deliver a detailed identification document for an equine animal, the holder submits a new identification request in HorseID to get an Equipas.

Art.8. Duplicate

Any loss of the original identification document is reported by the holder to the CBC using HorseID.

If the request is made for an equine animal entered in a breeding book kept by the FS, the CBC will forward the request for duplicate to the FS.

Art.9. Cost:

The cost for drawing up and delivering the detailed single lifetime identification document is set by the FS. The fee may include additional costs for transferring data related to the equine animal to HorseID.

The FS bills the holder directly for its costs.

The registration fee in HorseID is billed by the CBC to the holder when the identification request is submitted in accordance with the procedure laid down in Belgium.

Art.10 Contact point

For the purposes of this Agreement, each party shall designate a person as its single point of contact for the other party. Exchanges are made in one of the following three languages: French, Dutch or English.

Art.11 Duration of the agreement

This agreement is signed for a period of 5 years and shall be tacitly renewed. It can be terminated by either party before the 1st of September of the current year and will take effect on the 1st of January of the following year.

Art.12

This agreement contains 5 pages and 1 appendix which are an integral part of the agreement. This is drawn up in triplicate, one copy for the FS, one copy for the BCP, and one copy for the FPS HFCSE.

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Mieke Walraevens,

General director

DG APF – Animal and Plant Health Policy

Federal Public Service

Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment

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Annex 1 to the document "Agreement on issuing single identification documents and registering, in HorseID, equine animals born on Belgian soil and intended to be entered in the breeding book managed by a foreign breed society."

Solemn declaration on the compliance with the conditions by the FS wishing to issue and deliver single lifetime identification documents for equine animals born in Belgium and entered in the breeding book it manages

The undersigned, (first and last name),
representative of the recognized breed society.....
located

..... (full address)

The above-mentioned FS makes the following solemn declaration(s) *(check the box if applicable)*

- the FS submits a request to the FPS HFCSE to draw up and/or deliver detailed single lifetime identification documents for equine animals entered in Belgium in the breeding book it manages;
- the FS accepts and complies with the general terms and conditions as well as the FS's rights and duties, under the rules applicable in Belgium with regard to the identification of equine animals;
- the FS acknowledges that in case of non-compliance with the general terms and conditions stated as well as the FS's rights and duties within the scope of the Belgian or European regulation on the identification of equine animals, the authorisation to issue and deliver detailed single identification documents for equine animals will be revoked upon notification by e-mail.

With regard to issuing and delivering detailed identification documents

- the foreign breed society uses a webservice and issues and personally delivers to the holder, the detailed identification documents for equine animals entered in the breeding book it manages; or
 - the foreign breed society uses Excel files to exchange data with HorseID and mandates the CBC to deliver detailed identification documents issued by the organisation.
- if one of the conditions stated above can no longer be met, the FS will notify the FPS HFCSE.

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the FS states that it has been informed of the fact that all breed societies authorised to issue and/or deliver detailed identification documents for equine animals entered in Belgium in their breeding book, will be listed on the FPS HFCSE website. The name of the breed society authorised by the FPS HFCSE will be published on this website as well as the method chosen to issue and deliver the detailed identification document for equine animals.

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