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IRISH COB PART BRED STUD BOOK PRINCIPLES

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1. Objectives of an organization approved to maintain an Irish Cob Part Bred Stud Book.

- To inspect animals with a view to entry into the Supplementary Section of the Stud Book.
- To inspect stallions, entered in the Main Section and Supplementary Section of the Stud Book, with a view to approving suitable stallions for inclusion in the Selective Breeding Programme.
- To inspect mares, entered in the Main Section for the Stud Book, with a view to approving suitable mares for inclusion in the Selective Breeding Programme.

2. Breeding objectives.

- To protect and promote the Irish Cob Part Bred breed, by giving incentive to breeders to keep registered Irish Cob Part Bred stallions and mares, which can also be recognized on the pedigrees and lineages of any part bred progeny.
- To include suitable Irish Cob Part Bred stallions in a Selective breeding programme, with a view to encouraging quality Irish Cob Part Bred breeding.

3. Characteristics of the Breed.

THE IRISH COB PART BRED BREED STANDARD

As there is no limit to the horse and pony breeds which can be used to cross with the Irish Cob, to produce an Irish Cob Part Bred, Irish Cob Part Breds can be of any type, colour (including the eyes) and height.

The Breed Standard requires:-

- (a) A minimum of 30% Irish Cob blood (pedigree), or,
(b) Score a minimum of 2 points (70% Irish Cob breed characteristics & 30% other) for **1. BREED CHARACTERISTICS** on a Supplementary Inspection Sheet similar to ICS Ltd form ICS04.

OR,

Score a minimum of 1 point (60 % Irish Cob breed characteristics & 40% other) for **1. BREED CHARACTERISTICS** on a Supplementary Inspection Sheet similar to ICS Ltd form ICS04.

4. Division of the Stud Book and conditions for entering the Stud Book.

The Stud Book is comprised of a Main Section and a Supplementary Section.

DIVISION OF THE IRISH COB PART BRED STUD BOOK

THE MAIN SECTION

MAIN ELITE STALLION CLASS

Males entered in the Main Basic Register which have been approved for inclusion in the Selective Breeding Programme.

MAIN ELITE MARE CLASS

Females entered in the Main Basic Register which have been approved for inclusion in the Selective Breeding Programme.

MAIN BASIC REGISTER

FOAL REGISTER - Class 1A (M1A)

Males and females, where the sire is entered in the Main Elite Stallion Class, or the Supplementary Elite Stallion Class and the dam is entered in the Main Elite Mare Class.

FOAL REGISTER - Class 1B (M1B)

Males and females, where the sire is entered in the Main Elite Stallion Class, or the Supplementary Elite Stallion Class and the dam is entered in the Main Basic Register, or the Supplementary Basic Register.

FOAL REGISTER - Class 2A (M2A)

Males and females, where the sire is entered in the Main Basic Register, or the Supplementary Basic Register and the dam is entered in the Main Elite Mare Class.

FOAL REGISTER - Class 2B (M2B)

Males and females, where the sire is entered in the Main Basic Register, or the Supplementary Basic Register and the dam is entered in the Main Basic Register, or the Supplementary Basic Register.

CROSS BREEDING PROGRAMME

The Irish Cob Crossbred is the only breed allowed to take part in the Irish Cob Part Bred cross breeding programme.

THE SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION

SUPPLEMENTARY ELITE STALLION CLASS

Stallions entered in the Supplementary Basic Register which been approved for inclusion in the Selective Breeding Programme.

SUPPLEMENTARY BASIC REGISTER

Males, females and geldings which do not meet the requirements for entering the Main Section, but which have entered in the Supplementary Basic Register in accordance with Article 3 (1) of Commission Decision 96/78/EC.

(Minimum of 60% Irish Cob breed characteristics visible at inspection).

FOAL REGISTER - Class 3A (S3A)

Male and female progeny, where one parent is entered in the Main Basic Register or the Supplementary Basic Register in accordance with Article 3 (1) of Commission Decision 96/78/EC and the other parent is entered in an Irish Cob Stud Book.

(More than 50% Irish Cob by pedigree).

FOAL REGISTER - Class 3B (S3B)

Male and female progeny, where one parent is entered in an Irish Cob Stud Book and the other parent entered in any register, or, stud book other than an Irish Cob Stud Book or an Irish Cob Part Bred Stud Book.

(Minimum of 50% Irish Cob by pedigree).

FOAL REGISTER - Class 3C (S3C)

Male and female progeny, where one parent is entered in the Supplementary Basic Register in accordance with Article 3 (1) of Commission Decision 96/78/EC and the other parent entered in any register, or, stud book other than an Irish Cob Stud Book or, an Irish Cob Part Bred Stud Book.

(Minimum of 30% Irish Cob by pedigree).

CONDITIONS FOR ENTERING THE STUD BOOK

To qualify for entry into the Main Section of the Stud Book an animal must:-

Have been identified as a foal at foot in accordance with the rules of the stud book, which should at least require the covering certificate. Where an animal has not been identified as a foal at foot, a declared dam must be verified through DNA analysis. Where there is no covering certificate, a declared sire must be verified through DNA analysis.

- (i) Have both parents entered in the Main Section, or,
- (ii) Have both parents entered in the Supplementary Section, or,
- (iii) Have one parent entered in the Main Section and one parent entered in the Supplementary Section, or,
- (iv) Be entitled to be enter the cross breeding programme. The Irish Cob Crossbred is only breed allowed to take part in the cross breeding programme. All Irish Cob Crossbreds which have both parents entered in the Main Section of an Irish Cob Crossbred Stud Book are entitled to entry into the cross breeding programme in the Main Basic Register.

To qualify for entry into the Supplementary Section of the Stud Book an animal must:-

- (a) Be identified in accordance with the Stud Book Rules, be judged to conform to the Breed Standard at inspection by the organization and have a minimum performance as laid down in the Stud Book Rules.
OR,
- (b) Have been identified as a foal at foot in accordance with the rules of the stud book, which should at least require the covering certificate. Where an animal has not been identified as a foal at foot, a declared dam must be verified through DNA analysis. Where there is no covering certificate, a declared sire must be verified through DNA analysis.
 - (i) Have one parent is entered in the Main Section, or, in the Supplementary Basic Register in accordance with Article 3 (1) of Commission Decision 96/78/EC and the other parent entered in an Irish Cob Stud Book, or,
 - (ii) Have one parent entered in an Irish Cob Stud Book and the other parent entered in any register or stud book other than an Irish Cob Stud Book or an Irish Cob Part Bred Stud Book, or,
 - (iii) Have one parent is entered the Supplementary Basic Register of an Irish Cob Part Bred Stud Book in accordance with Article 3 (1) of Commission Decision 96/78/EC and the other parent entered in any register or stud book other than an Irish Cob Stud Book or an Irish Cob Part Bred Stud Book.

UPGRADING TO ELITE STALLION STATUS

Males entered in the Main Basic Register, or, the Supplementary Basic Register, having reached the age of two years, are eligible for inspection with a view to attaining "full" breeding approval and upgrading to the Main Elite Stallion Class, or, the Supplementary Elite Stallion Class.

Males which fail to be approved, following inspection, shall remain in the Main Basic Register, or, the Supplementary Basic Register, but shall continue to be eligible to seek elite stallion status.

In order to attain elite stallion status, stallions must (a) pass inspection by at least two qualified inspectors and (b) pass an examination by a qualified veterinary surgeon.

UPGRADING TO ELITE MARE STATUS

Females entered in the Main Basic Register, having reached the age of two years, are eligible for inspection with a view to attaining "full" breeding approval and upgrading to the Main Elite Mare Class.

Females which fail to be approved, following inspection, shall remain in the Main Basic Register, but shall continue to be eligible to seek elite mare status.

In order to attain elite mare status, mares must pass inspection by at least two qualified inspectors.

5. The system for recording pedigree.

- Where a sire or dam is declared and there is no covering certificate signed by the stallion owner, the declared sire or dam must be verified through DNA analysis.
- Where pedigree is verified by DNA analysis, the DNA Laboratory profile number of all DNA samples must be recorded on the Stud Book Administration Database.
- The organization shall reserve the right at all times to DNA test any animal entered in the Stud Book, or, to DNA test is any animal for which an application has been made for entry into the Stud Book.

6. The system of identifying Irish Cob Part Breds entered in the Stud Book.

- To inspect mares, entered in the Main Section for the Stud Book, with a view to approving suitable mares for inclusion in the Selective Breeding Programme.
- Identity documents shall be issued in respect of all equidae entered in the Stud Book.
- The Certificate of Origin and the Identity Markings Certificate shall be included in the identity document.
- Unique Equine Life Numbers shall be issued in respect of all equidae entered in Irish Cob Part Bred Stud Books. For information relating to the UELN refer to www.ueln.net
- Registered names shall not be duplicated within the stud book. Breeders may make an animal's name unique by attaching their own Prefix or Affix to the name of an animal being entered in the Stud Book, provided that, such Prefix or Affix has not already been recorded in the Stud Book as having been used by another breeder. Microchipping is compulsory from 1st July 2009. The microchip number shall be recorded on the identity document.

7. Lineages entered in one or more other stud-books, where necessary.

Irish Cob Part Breds entered in an approved Irish Cob Part Bred Stud Book may be entered into any other Irish Cob Part Bred Stud into a section and class according to the animal's merits.

8. Non-discriminatory treatment of breeders.

Organizations shall not discriminate against breeders. Animals which conform to the requirements of Commission Decision 96/78/EC are eligible and entitled to registration into any Irish Cob Part Bred Stud Book.