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Section A **Information and/or discussion**

- A.01** Rules of procedures of the Standing Committee on Zootechnics. (EC)
- A.02** Exchange of views as regards the rules related to a membership of breeders in breed societies (Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012). (EC)
- Can a breed society require a mandatory membership for their breeders?
 - Does a breed society have to accept breeding animals to be entered in the breeding book belonging to breeders who are not members?
 - Can a breed society refuse issuing a Zootechnical certificate for a breeding animal entered in the breeding book belonging to a breeder who is not a member?
- A.03** Exchange of views as regards the procedures for the extension of a geographical territory of a breeding programme to a territory of another Member State – follow up (Article 12 of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012). (EC)
- Translation of the breeding programme.
 - Issuing of identification documents for equine animals.
 - Any other problems.
- A.04** Exchange of views as regards the rules of issuing a single lifetime identification document for equine animals (Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/963, and in particular Article 22). (EC)
- Delegation by the competent authority of issuing a single lifetime identification document in accordance with Article 108(5)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429;
 - Issuing and delivery of a standard and an extended identification document – role of breed societies in the process.

A.05 Exchange of views as regards the rules for issuing of the Zootechnical certificate for semen of breeding animals. (EC)

- How to verify if a semen collection/ storage centre has been authorised to issue Zootechnical certificates for semen? What is a practice in this regard in Member States? Which Member States authorised issuing of Zootechnical certificates by semen collection/ storage centres?
- Can semen be moved between Member States without a Zootechnical certificate? Can a Zootechnical certificate be delivered later on (even after many years) and how to ensure correct data in it?
- What is the Member States experience and what actions are taken in case incorrect information in Zootechnical certificates (e.g. incorrect number of semen straws or consignee)?

A.06 Exchange of views as regards legal right of entry of a purebred breeding animal in the main section of the breeding book. (EC)

Can a breed society have rules to refuse entry in the main section of the breeding book of an animal, meeting the criteria referred to in Article 18 of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012, which is e.g. a carrier of a heritable neurodegenerative disease?

A.07 Format of the lists of breed societies and breeding operation published by Member States. (EC)

A.08 Exchange of views as regards the rules on performance testing and genetic evaluation. (EC)

- Can breeders societies or third parties designated for milk recording not comply with the rules and standards established by ICAR (and use milk meters not certified by ICAR) (Article 27 of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012)?
- Collection of samples for composition traits in the establishments using milking robots – experienced problems – is collection of those samples mandatory (Annex III, Part 2, Regulation (EU) 2016/1012)?
- Any other problems.

A.09 Exchange of views as regards future European Strategy for Genetic Resources – follow up. (EC)

Possible contribution from the Animal Breeding Regulation and Standing Committee on Zootechnics, including possibilities for an establishment of EU Reference Centre for the preservation of endangered breeds or the preservation of the genetic diversity existing within those breeds under Article 29(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1012.