

SCHEDULE

Regulation 3

Criteria for Recognition

Operation of recognised organisations

1.—(1) An organisation or association which maintains or establishes a stud book of the origin of a breed, must have established—

- (a) a system for recording pedigrees and the ability to carry out the checks necessary for recording pedigrees;
- (b) a system for identifying horses;
- (c) a definition of the characteristics of the breed covered by the stud book;
- (d) a definition of its basic objectives of selection; and
- (e) lineages entered in one or more other stud books, where necessary.

(2) An organisation or association which maintains or establishes a stud book, but does not maintain the stud book of the origin of the breed, must comply with the principles established under sub-paragraph (1) by the organisation or association which maintains the stud book of the origin of the breed.

(3) Any organisation or association which maintains or establishes a stud book must satisfy the Secretary of State that it operates efficiently.

Improvement and selection programmes

2. An organisation or association which maintains or establishes a stud book must—

- (a) have registered a sufficient number of horses to carry out an improvement or selection programme or to preserve the breed where this is considered necessary;
- (b) be able to provide the data necessary to carry out an improvement, selection or preservation programme; and
- (c) have established a system for providing data whereby horses can be evaluated for the purpose of improvement, selection and breed preservation.

Non-discriminatory treatment of breeders

3.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), an organisation or association which maintains or establishes a stud book must have rules of procedure which provide for non-discriminatory treatment of breeders.

(2) Where several organisations or associations already exist within the territory of the Community in respect of a particular breed, the rules of procedure of an organisation or association may provide that horses must be born in a given territory in order to qualify for entry in its stud book for birth declaration purposes.

(3) The qualification in sub-paragraph (2) does not apply where entry in the stud book is for reproduction purposes.