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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 77/504/EEC of 25 July 1977 on pure-bred breeding animals of the bovine species ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by the Act of Accession of Greece, and in particular the second and third indents of Article 6 (1) thereof,

Whereas, under the second and third indents of Article 6 (1) of Directive 77/504/EEC it is for the Commission to determine, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 8 of the above-mentioned Directive, the criteria governing the recognition of breeders' organizations and associations and the criteria governing the establishment of herd-books ;

Whereas in all the Member States, with the exception at present of Greece, herd-books are maintained or established by breeders' organizations and associations ; whereas it is therefore necessary to lay down the criteria for the recognition of breeders' organizations and associations which maintain or establish herd-books ;

Whereas a breeders' organization or association must apply for official recognition to the competent authorities of the Member State on whose territory its headquarters are situated ;

Whereas, where a breeders' organization or association meets certain criteria and has defined targets, it must be officially recognized by the authorities of the Member State to which it has applied ;

Whereas the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Zootechnics,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

In order to be officially recognized, a breeders' organization or association which maintains or establishes herd-books must submit an application to the authorities of the Member State on whose territory its headquarters are situated.

Article 2

The authorities of the Member State concerned must grant official recognition to any breeders' organization or association which maintains or establishes herd-books if the latter meet the conditions laid down in the Annex.

However, in a Member State in which in respect of a given breed one or more officially recognized organizations or associations already exists,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 206, 12. 8. 1977, p. 8.

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the authorities of the Member State concerned may refuse to recognize a new breeders' organization or association if it endangers the preservation of the breed or jeopardizes the zootechnical programme of the existing organization or association. In such a case, the Member States shall inform the Commission of approvals granted and refusals to give recognition.

Article 3

The authorities of the Member State concerned shall withdraw official recognition from any breeders' organization or association which maintains herd-books if the conditions laid down in the Annex are no longer being fulfilled in a persistent manner by the breeders' organization or association concerned.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

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In order to be officially recognized, a breeders' organization or association which maintains or establishes a herd-book must :

1. have legal personality in accordance with the legislation in force in the Member State where the application is made ;
2. prove to the competent authorities :
 - (a) that it operates efficiently ;
 - (b) that it can carry out the checks necessary for recording pedigrees ;
 - (c) that it has a sufficiently large herd to carry out a breed improvement programme, or that it has a sufficiently large herd to preserve the breed where this is considered necessary ;
 - (d) that it can make use of the livestock performance data necessary for carrying out its breed improvement or preservation programme ;

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3. have a set of rules covering:
 - (a) the definition of the breed's characteristics, including the name of the breed;
 - (b) the identification and registration of animals in accordance with the system and content of the database required by Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 ⁽¹⁾ and the rules adopted for its implementation;
 - (c) the system for recording pedigrees;
 - (d) the definition of its breeding objectives, which in case of the establishment of a herd-book for a new breed, shall include the detailed circumstances of establishment of the new breed;
 - (e) the systems for making use of livestock performance data;
 - (f) the division of the herd-book, if there are different conditions for entering animals or if there are different procedures for classifying the animals entered in the book.

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4. have rules of procedure, adopted in accordance with its articles of association, laying down, in particular, the principle of non-discrimination between members.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 204, 11.8.2000, p. 1.