

Zootechnics update Dec 2019

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Taken on the zootechnics work following the departure of Garreth Dunstall and Kieran O'Malley.

Due to be a discussion about some proposed amendments to the annexes of Commission Regulation 2017/717 on model certificates for equines and other species at a meeting of the Standing Committee on Zootechnics on 29 November. This follows an initial discussion held at a Brussels meeting a couple of months ago.

Sent the Zootechnics equine panel a copy of the latest document showing the proposed revised model certificates which it is possible might be voted on at the meeting. Most of the proposed changes appear to be small but you might want to have a look to see if there are any major implications on the equine side.

Due to restrictions on officials attending EU meetings announced by the Prime Minister in September, we probably won't be attending this meeting. However, there may be an opportunity for us to feed in UK comments on any important issues in writing ahead of the meeting.

Update for 13 December:

3rd Country Listing, details below;

- A bulk application for 3rd Country Listing, for all Zootech recognised breed societies, was issued to the Commission in March 2019.
- In September 2019 we were still waiting for a response/acknowledgement from the Commission, it was agreed to provide a shortened list to include those societies currently trading with the EU plus all equine.
- This was drafted and sent to the Devolved Administrations for review/confirmation.
- However, before this could be issued by our Chief Veterinary Officer, the extension was granted by the Commission and a UK election called.
- Work on this is therefore currently on hold until after the election.