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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 fourth indent of Article 6 (1) thereof,

Whereas, under the fourth indent 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 that Directive, the harmonized criteria governing the entry of cattle in 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 entering of cattle in herd-books;

Whereas precise conditions relating to lineage and identification must be fulfilled prior to entry in the herd-book;

Whereas allowance should be made for the division of the herd-book into different sections and classes so that certain types of animals will not be excluded;

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

▼M1*Article 1*

1. To qualify for entry in the main section of the herd-book of its breed an animal must:

- (a) be descended from parents and grandparents entered in the main section of the herd-book of that same breed;
- (b) be identified and registered in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1760/2000 of the Parliament and of the Council ⁽²⁾ and the rules adopted for its implementation;
- (c) have a pedigree established in accordance with the rules of that herd-book.

2. By way of derogation from paragraph 1(a), pure-bred animals or descendants from pure-bred animals of different breeds may be entered directly into the main section of a new herd-book during the period of establishment of a herd-book for a new breed.

The period of establishment of the new breed shall be defined in the breeding programme of the breeders' organization or association, under the control and with the agreement of the competent authorities, in accordance with Decision 84/247/EEC. The new breed shall be

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 206, 12.8.1977, p. 8.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 204, 11.8.2000, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 1791/2006 (OJ L 363, 20.12.2006, p. 1).

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assigned a name that cannot be confused with the name of an existing breed.

3. Whenever an animal is entered in the main section of a new herd-book, and the animal or one of its parents is already registered in another existing herd-book, reference should be documented to the name of that existing herd-book, where the animal or parent was entered first time after birth, together with the original herd-book number.

▼B*Article 2*

The main section of a herd-book may be divided into several classes according to the animals' merits. Only cattle meeting the criteria laid down in Article 1 may be entered in one of those classes.

Article 3

1. A breeders' organization or association keeping a herd-book may decide that a ►**M1** animal ◀, which does not meet the criteria laid down in Article 1, may be entered in a supplementary section of that herd-book. The ►**M1** animal ◀ must meet the following requirements:

- be identified in accordance with the herd-book rules,
- be judged to conform to the breed standard,
- have a minimum performance criteria as laid down by the herd-book rules.

2. The requirements mentioned in the second and third indents of paragraph 1 may be differentiated according to whether the ►**M1** animal ◀ belongs to the breed although it has no known origin or was obtained from a crossing programme approved by the breeders' organization or association managing the herd-book.

Article 4

A female whose mother and maternal grandmother are entered in a supplementary section of the herd-book as provided for in Article 3 (1) and whose father and two grandfathers are entered in the main section of the book in accordance with the criteria laid down in Article 1, shall be regarded as a pure-bred female and entered in the main section of the book, provided for in Article 1.

Article 5

Where a book contains several classes in the main section, an animal from another Member State shall be entered in the class of the book whose criteria it meets.

Article 6

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.