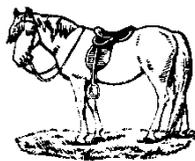


# **NEW FOREST PONY BREEDING AND CATTLE SOCIETY**

A Company limited by guarantee registered in England & Wales with No. 3421046. Registered Charity No. 1064746



December 2020

## **TO ALL FILIAL EUROPEAN NEW FOREST PONY SOCIETIES**

### **THE NEW FOREST PONY BREEDING PROGRAMME 2021**

In 2018 the Zootechnical Standards (England) Regulations came into force, enacting in England, Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 'the Animal Breeding Regulation'. The UK competent authority, Defra, confirmed that post-Brexit, the Zootech regime, as set out in EU 2016/1012 will continue to apply in the UK.

Since then, NFPBCS has been working on re-formatting its Breeding Programme. As part of this work, some sections have been updated, some sections have been written to conform with the Animal Breeding Regulation, and there are two new policy documents. These documents were approved by Council throughout the autumn of 2020, and the New Forest Pony Breeding Programme is now presented to members and filial societies. This comes into effect on 1 January 2021.

It will be published in the 2020 Annual Report and will be the main item on the agenda of the 2021 International Meeting.

A few points are highlighted here.

#### **Chapter 3 – Recognition of the Breed Society following the withdrawal of the UK from the EU**

Following the UK's decision to withdraw from the EU, the UK became a Third Country on 1 January 2021, at the end of the transition period. The EU has recognised NFPBCS as a third country breeding body under Article 34 of (EU) 2016/1012, enabling trade in New Forest Ponies on equivalent terms under the Zootech regime. However, ponies and germinal products may still be subject to additional movement requirements, and buyers/sellers will need to check whether additional documentation such as Export Health Certificates are required.

#### **Chapters 5 and 6, Rights and Obligations of Breeders and the Breed Society**

These chapters are new, and are requirements under Articles 13 and 14 of the Animal Breeding Regulation.

#### **Chapter 7 Structure of the Studbook**

Filial societies should note the paragraph relating to the name of the X-Register.

#### **Chapter 8 Requirements for Entry into the Studbook**

Filial societies should note the Rules for Sires. Filial societies should note the rules for re-measurement of over height ponies in the section on withdrawal from the approved section of the studbook.

#### **Chapter 9 Breed Description**

Palomino stallions were permitted in 2018. No changes have been made to the permitted range of colours or extent of white markings, but the new wording will ensure accurate registration and enable the use of genetic testing in the case of a dispute.

### **Chapter 13 Assisted Reproduction**

This is a substantial new policy document and should be read very carefully by all breeders, both UK and European, and by all filial societies. Note particularly:

- The limitation provided for by Article 21 paragraph 2 of (EU) 2016/1012 on the withdrawal of breeding licence of a stallion and any frozen semen or embryos in storage;
- The export of semen to the EU following the UK's withdrawal from the EU, the provision of Zootechnical Certificates by NFPBCS on request, and the requirement on a filial society to register according to the terms of Article 36.
- The requirement on a filial society to originate a Zootechnical Certificate to accompany a semen sample being sent to the UK.

### **Chapter 14 Role of NFPBCS as Studbook of Origin; its relationship to filial societies, and the principles to be followed by filial societies**

This chapter has been written in order to comply with the requirements of Annex I Part 3 of (EU) 2016/1012.

Filial societies should note the requirement to register imported UK-bred stock in accordance with Article 36.

### **Chapter 15 Myotonia Breeding Policy**

The 2013 Policy has been updated to include the decisions taken at the 2017 International Meeting. An additional paragraph is necessary in order to align this policy with the policy on Assisted Reproduction. In the Assisted Reproduction policy, NFPBCS as the studbook of origin has used the powers conferred by Article 21 to set a limit on the use of frozen semen. Accordingly, from 1 January 2021, no frozen semen can be used where it comes from a stallion, dead or alive, who has had his breeding licence revoked for being a carrier of the myotonia gene, ***to breed foals who will be registered into the main section of the studbook.***

### **Chapter 16 PSSM1 Breeding Policy**

This is a new policy document and should be read carefully by all breeders and filial societies. It draws on the Public Statement released in 2018, and the experience gained by the 2013 Myotonia policy. With regard to compulsory testing of older stallions, the Council has been very mindful of the decision recorded in the minutes of the 2019 International Meeting, in which everyone was encouraged to test but Clause 11 reminds Filial Societies of their obligation to follow the rules of the mother studbook which would therefore require them to test all stallions.

Please share as appropriate with your national/federal bodies.

Yours sincerely

Jane Murray  
Society Secretary  
On behalf of the Council