

Animal breeding legislation in Europe and Germany

History

- EU legislation since 1977
 - Decisions and directives
 - Different for species (cattle, pigs, equine, sheep and goats)

Problem: difference in implementation of the member states

Motivation

- Simplification, clarity, transparency
- Reduce trade barriers
- Define rules for official controls

- Legal form: Regulation
 - ➔ differences in implementation impossible (?)

Current legislation

REGULATION (EU) 2016/1012

of 8 June 2016

on zootechnical and genealogical conditions for the breeding, trade in and entry into the Union of purebred breeding animals, hybrid breeding pigs and the germinal products thereof

(‘Animal Breeding Regulation’)



Structure of breeding books

- Main section: for the bovine, porcine, ovine and caprine species, the animal shall have descended from parents and grandparents which have been entered in the main section of a breeding book of the same breed
- Supplementary section: conform to the characteristics of the breed, minimum performance requirements

For example:

Section	Class male	Class female
Main section	Herdbuch A Herdbuch B	Herbuch A
Supplementary section	X	Vorbuch C Vorbuch D

Breed societies may establish one or more supplementary sections in the breeding book for animals of the same species that are not eligible for entry in the main section, provided that the rules set out in the breeding programme allow the progeny of those animals to be entered in the main section

Not every breeding book has a supplementary section!

National legislation

Tierzuchtgesetz (TierZG) vom 18. Januar 2019

Verordnung zur Durchführung des Tierzuchtgesetzes (TierZDV)
vom 13. Juli 2021

- **(EU) 2016/1012** https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/ALL/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2016.171.01.0066.01.DEU
- **(EU) 2020/602 zootechnical certificates** <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32020R0602&qid=1655205100657>
- **Information submitted by EU countries, Norway and Switzerland**
https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/zootechnics/information-submitted-eu-countries-norway-and-switzerland_en
- **Non-EU countries information**
https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/zootechnics/non-eu-countries-information_en

- Information about german organisations

<https://tgrdeu.genres.de/tierzuchtrecht/>

- Handbook official control

<http://www.landwirtschaftskammern.de/tierzuchtrecht/index.htm>

- Approved germinal product establishments

<https://tsis.fli.de/Home/BMEL/List.aspx?ref=323>