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FEI / WBFSH agreement

The agreement between the WBFSH and the FEI starts to produce effects. Every stud-book association received a spreadsheet with their own horses and sent back with their corrections. These modified excelsheets have been send to FEI to put correct informations in the FEI database.

This increased the visibility of the breeds, origins and breeders on the FEI website and on start list of events. But, we really need to improve the transmission of files especially on the breeding informations (Sire, dam and dam’s sire) to improve the sires’ ranking. This improvement will contribute to the communication of studbooks and allow the breeders to have more reliable tools for their own breeding program and policy.

Rankings

First of all, the monthly rankings (breeders results and top 6 studbooks) are functional and fluid, because of the quality of the files send by the FEI. The delay between data supply and the publication of the rankings on the WBFSH website has been reduced to two days.

The remaining problem is on the annual Sires rankings (Dressage, eventing and jumping) because of the lack of proved informations on origins of horses in the FEI database. The major problems are due to:
- Different spelling for the same sire ;
- Different FEI id for the same sire ;
- More and more sires with similar names with only different numbers, ie : contendro, contendro I or zirocco blue vdl, vdl sirocco blue, b sirocco blue vdl, ; sires registred with different names, ie caspar, berlin, eurocommerce berlin,…

The calculation of rankings can be a subject of discussions. The only way to solve this is to use a common number for horses and this number is the UELN and to increase exchanges between studbooks.

Evolution of European rules in horse breeding :
- The European regulation UE 2016/1012 on zootechnical and genealogical conditions for the breeding, trade in and entry into the Union and the commission delegated regulation EU 2017/1940 on the content and format of zootechnical certificates issued for purebred breeding animals of the equine species contained in a single lifetime identification document for equidae are fully applicable since the 1st of November 2018. It concerns :
  o The unicity of zootechnical document ;
  o Breed societies and breeding operations recognised in one Member State should have the possibility to implement their approved breeding program in one or more other Member States ;
  o Obligations of breed societies, breeding operations and third parties carrying out performance testing or genetic evaluation ;
  o Issuing, content and format of zootechnical certificates accompanying breeding animals and the germinal products.
- Movements of horses : Discussion on maintaining the tripartite agreement Ireland / UK / France in the light of Brexit.