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FEDERAL LAW
On Horse Husbandry and Stud Breeding in the Russian Federation

Article 1. Relations regulated by this Federal Law

This Federal Law defines the creation of conditions for breeding, keeping and using horses and horse-husbandry products, and for ensuring the formation of efficient economic activities in horse husbandry as a branch of agricultural production aimed at preserving the diversity of horse breeds, including through contributions from horse tests assessing various breeding qualities by genotype, phenotype and performance, and advertising arising from these events.

Article 2. Basic concepts

The following basic concepts are used in this Federal Law:

1) horse husbandry - a constituent part of the livestock sector concerned with breeding and rearing horses and using them in economic activities, recreation, tourism, therapeutic and preventive purposes, breed championships, exhibitions, conformation inspections, competitions among horses, national festivals, historical reenactments and tests conducted by legal entities or individuals;

2) pedigree horse breeding (stud breeding) - an activity including hippology (the science of horse husbandry), veterinary work and the construction of horse-husbandry facilities, associated with breeding horses of different breeds registered in the State Register of Breeding Achievements, whose parentage is confirmed by an entry in the State Pedigree Livestock Book of the Russian Federation, and contributing to the preservation of biodiversity and habitat;

3) pedigree horse - a horse of a specified breed recorded in the State Pedigree Livestock Book (Register) of the Russian Federation;

4) pedigree certificate - a document confirming the parentage, productivity and other qualities of a pedigree horse, as well as the origin and quality of semen or an embryo and the corresponding horse owner;

Translator's note: the source appends the horse owner to the phrase about origin and quality without stating what is to be certified concerning the owner. This ambiguous wording has not been replaced with a statement about ownership rights.

5) State Studbook - a compilation of data on the most valuable pedigree animals within a specified breed, or on breeding herds obtained through purebred breeding of pedigree animals;

6) State Pedigree Register - a compilation of data on pedigree horses;

7) branding, microchipping, marking - the identification of a pedigree horse by applying a number by tattoo or brand, or affixing a tag, enabling precise identification of the pedigree animal concerned, including by electronic horse identification. A suckling foal shall be microchipped before weaning;

8) horse owner (breeder) - a legal entity or individual with ownership rights to a horse, engaged in breeding and rearing horses;

9) racehorse trainer - the responsible person who supervises the keeping of pedigree horses of riding breeds for testing in flat races, also trains them, and is certified at accredited centres or organizations;

Trotting-horse trainer - the responsible person who supervises the keeping of pedigree horses of trotting breeds for testing in trotting races, also organizes their training, and is certified at accredited centres or organizations;

10) horse keeper - a person who keeps horses in accordance with sanitary and animal-hygiene requirements, trains them under a trainer's supervision, and is certified at accredited centres or organizations;

11) racecourse - a specified type of pedigree livestock organization that tests pedigree horses of riding, trotting, harness and heavy-draft breeds to identify the best representatives of the breed for performance as a combination of genotypic and phenotypic traits (hereinafter, tests), records the genotypic and phenotypic traits of pedigree horses for use in selection, and is certified at accredited centres or organizations;

12) horse-husbandry holding - a complex of structures, including equipment, situated on a land plot used for horse-husbandry activities;

13) jockey - a specialist certified at accredited centres or organizations who takes part in breaking-in, preparation, training and racecourse tests of horses of riding breeds at racecourses organized for testing;

14) driver - a specialist certified at accredited centres or organizations who takes part in breaking-in, preparation, training and

racecourse tests of horses of trotting breeds at racecourses organized for testing;

15) tests of pedigree horses - assessment of the breeding qualities of horses to address selection tasks, in order to identify the combination of economically useful traits in phenotype, genotype and performance, the level of their genetic potential and the effect of that potential on economically useful traits in their offspring;

16) National Self-Regulatory Organization for Horse Breeding Development - a non-profit association with self-regulatory organization status and representative offices drawn from its members in no fewer than 50 constituent entities of the Russian Federation. Interaction with federal executive authorities shall be established on the basis of a bilateral agreement. Its principal purpose is to assist the professional community comprising its members in matters of breeding, stud breeding, training, development and sale of horses, and to assist their use in economic activities, recreation, tourism, therapeutic and preventive purposes, beauty contests among horses, national festivals, historical reenactments, horse racing and various equestrian sports; to assist the protection of the lawful rights and interests of jockeys and personnel employed in the sector; and to organize international cooperation. It assists public authorities in regulatory matters, oversight, introducing scientific and experimental programmes, and international cooperation, and represents its members' interests.

A national self-regulatory non-profit organization for horse husbandry whose principal purpose is to assist breeding, stud breeding, training, development and sale of horses, and to assist their use in economic activities, recreation, tourism, therapeutic and preventive purposes and beauty contests among horses,

national festivals, historical reenactments, horse racing and various equestrian sports; to assist the protection of the lawful rights and interests of jockeys and personnel employed in the sector; and the organization of international [source ends here].

Translator's note: the second, unnumbered paragraph repeats much of item 16 and ends with the incomplete phrase 'organization of international'. The missing word has not been supplied.

17) international horse races - horse tests conducted with the participation of legal entities and individuals of foreign states;

18) national horse-racing totalizator (totalizator) - [definition absent from the source]

19) equestrian competitions - various types of horse riding and sports competitions, and sports games and various exercises conducted with the participation of horses;

20) auction sales (auction) - competitive bidding held locally or internationally for the purchase and sale of horses, with conditions announced in advance;

21) earmarked contributions - funds allocated to finance horse-husbandry development measures and to ensure the preservation and development of racecourses and pedigree stud farms in the Russian Federation.

22) pedigree stud farm - a pedigree livestock organization with a population of highly productive pedigree horses of a specified breed, using purebred breeding of pedigree horses;

23) Federal Centre for Pedigree Horse Breeding - an institution exercising functions in pedigree horse breeding concerning the preservation of horses of gene-pool conservation and indigenous breeds and domestically bred pedigree horses of cultural and national significance in the Russian Federation, and state supervision of trade in pedigree horses as regards ensuring safety in transactions.

In its activities the Federal Centre for Pedigree Horse Breeding shall be guided by the Constitution of the Russian Federation, federal constitutional laws, federal laws, acts of the President and Government of the Russian Federation, international treaties of the Russian Federation and regulatory legal acts of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation.

The Federal Centre for Pedigree Horse Breeding shall exercise its powers in the cases prescribed by Russian Federation legislation within the Russian Federation, and, in the cases provided for by international treaties of the Russian Federation, within foreign states.

The Federal Centre for Pedigree Horse Breeding shall come under the authority of the Government of the Russian Federation.

The Federal Centre for Pedigree Horse Breeding shall operate directly and through its territorial bodies, representative offices and representatives abroad and subordinate organizations, in cooperation with federal executive authorities, executive authorities of constituent entities of the Russian Federation, local self-government bodies, public associations and other organizations.

Article 3. Purposes of this Federal Law

This Federal Law regulates relations in horse husbandry and stud breeding, the preservation of biodiversity and habitat and the protection of pedigree horses of national breeds belonging to the international gene pool, and the preservation and development of horse husbandry by creating conditions for breeding and improving horse breeds

and popularizing national equestrian traditions and equestrian culture in the Russian Federation, and guarantees respect for the rights and interests of citizens and legal entities engaged in horse husbandry and stud breeding.

Article 4. Legal regulation of horse husbandry and stud breeding

Russian Federation legislation on horse husbandry is based on the Constitution of the Russian Federation; Decrees of the President of the Russian Federation No. 120 of 30.01.2010 'On Approval of the Food Security Doctrine of the Russian Federation', No. 1058 of 08.08.2011 'On the Open Joint-Stock Company Uniting the Racecourses of the Russian Federation', No. 642 of 01.12.2016 'On the Scientific and Technological Development Strategy of the Russian Federation', and No. 176 of 19 April 2017 'On the Environmental Security Strategy of the Russian Federation for the Period up to 2025'; taking account of Federal Laws No. 172-ФЗ of 28.06.2014 'On Strategic Planning in the Russian Federation' and No. 264-ФЗ of 29.12.2006 'On the Development of Agriculture'; Federal Law No. 123-ФЗ of 3 August 1995 'On Pedigree Livestock Breeding' (Collected Legislation of the Russian Federation, 1995, No. 32, Art. 3199; 2003, No. 2, Art. 167; 2005, No. 19, Art. 1752; 2006, No. 52, Art. 5497; 2007, No. 27, Art. 3213, No. 46, Art. 5554; 2008, No. 29, Art. 3418; 2011, No. 1, Art. 32, No. 30, Art. 4590, Art. 4596) (hereinafter, the Federal Law 'On Pedigree Livestock Breeding'); Federal Law No. 52-ФЗ of 24 April 1995 'On Wildlife'; the Civil Code of the Russian Federation; Government Orders of the Russian Federation No. 212-p of 17 February 2014 'On the Strategy for the Conservation of Rare and Endangered Species of Animals, Plants and Fungi in the Russian Federation for the Period up to 2030', No. 642 of 01.12.2016 'On the Scientific and

Technological Development Strategy of the Russian Federation', and No. 203 of 09.05.2017 'On the Information Society Development Strategy in the Russian Federation for 2017-2030'; this Federal Law; and other regulatory legal acts of constituent entities of the Russian Federation.

Translator's note: the source lists the act dated 01.12.2016, No. 642, with the same title first among Presidential Decrees and subsequently among Government Orders. Both classifications and all historical references are retained as printed; this translation does not update their legal status.

Article 5. International treaties of the Russian Federation in horse husbandry

Where international treaties of the Russian Federation in horse husbandry and stud breeding establish rules different from those provided for by Russian legislation, the rules of those international treaties shall apply.

Decisions of interstate bodies adopted on the basis of provisions of international treaties of the Russian Federation, interpreted in a manner contrary to the Constitution of the Russian Federation, shall not be enforced in the Russian Federation. Such a conflict may be established through the procedure determined by a federal constitutional law.

Article 6. Principal areas of regulation in horse husbandry and stud breeding

The principal areas in horse husbandry are:

1) regulation of relations in horse husbandry and stud breeding in accordance with the aims and tasks of state policy;

2) pursuing a unified scientific and technical policy, organizing and financing scientific research in stud breeding, studying

the genetic traits and biological and physiological characteristics of horses and selecting them to participate in horse tests;

3) rearing and keeping horses and complying with animal-husbandry and veterinary norms in accordance with advances in selection and breeding work;

4) organizing horse-husbandry activities and approving rules, norms, methods and standards in horse husbandry;

5) planning and implementing a plan to increase the horse population to preserve the biodiversity of national horse breeds, developing and implementing federal development programmes in horse husbandry and stud breeding, including preparing and implementing state support measures for the sector;

6) ensuring a uniform procedure for state recording and reporting in horse husbandry;

7) organizing tests, including international tests, and ensuring the safety of people and horses during testing events;

8) conducting events in accordance with international standards;

9) developing approaches to compliance with environmental and sanitary requirements in horse husbandry;

10) provision of, and social protection for, jockeys, drivers, trainers, grooms and other horse-husbandry specialists;

11) ensuring state oversight of compliance with Russian Federation horse-husbandry legislation and the rules and norms established in this sphere;

12) improving the competitiveness of domestic agricultural organizations operating in horse husbandry and stud breeding;

13) assisting the promotion, in domestic and foreign markets, of horse-husbandry and stud-breeding products produced in the Russian Federation;

14) conducting international cooperation in horse husbandry and stud breeding.

15) preserving genetic diversity in horse husbandry and their habitat;

16) preserving the national equestrian culture of the peoples of Russia;

Article 7. Unions (associations) of horse-husbandry holdings and self-regulatory organizations

1. Legal entities and individuals may establish unions (associations) and participate in their activities in accordance with civil legislation.

2. When participating in the formulation and implementation of state policy for horse-husbandry development, unions (associations) may:

1) formulate proposals for developing draft regulatory legal acts and state programmes providing for measures in horse-husbandry and stud-breeding development;

2) participate in consolidating and disseminating advances in science and technology and Russian and international experience in horse-husbandry development;

3) provide public authorities with information required for the formulation and implementation of state policy for horse-husbandry development.

Article 8. Support for horse-husbandry and stud-breeding development

To achieve the horse-husbandry development objectives established by Article 6 of this Federal Law, public authorities and local self-government bodies shall implement legal, economic and organizational measures in the following areas:

1) information support for the activities of organizations engaged in horse husbandry and stud breeding;

2) assisting horse-husbandry development by creating favourable organizational, legal, economic, environmental and other conditions;

3) assisting the improvement of veterinary services for horse husbandry and implementing animal-disease prevention and control measures;

4) developing stud breeding, including assisting the introduction of scientific and technological developments and technologies into the sector;

5) providing subsidies to reimburse part of the cost of interest on credits and loans obtained from Russian credit institutions for constructing and reconstructing horse farms and other facilities and structures connected with horse-husbandry and stud-breeding development;

6) supporting measures to increase the production of horse meat and processed horse-meat products and mare's milk, and assisting the marketing of horse-husbandry products;

7) subsidizing costs incurred in implementing horse-husbandry investment projects;

8) providing credit on preferential terms;

9) granting tax concessions, including property-tax concessions;

10) training and retraining personnel in horse husbandry and stud breeding and providing them with methodological support;

11) supporting research on selection and the development of technologies in pedigree horse breeding;

12) promoting horse husbandry and encouraging activities aimed at increasing the horse population.

13) providing other concessions not prohibited by Russian Federation legislation.

Article 9. Participants in relations in horse husbandry and stud breeding; ownership rights in horse husbandry

The participants in horse-husbandry relations are the Russian Federation, constituent entities of the Russian Federation, municipal entities, citizens and legal entities.

State administration in horse husbandry shall be exercised by the Government of the Russian Federation directly through a federal executive authority specially authorized by it. The powers of the federal executive authority in horse husbandry shall be determined by the Government of the Russian Federation.

Public authorities of constituent entities of the Russian Federation and local self-government bodies shall participate in horse-husbandry relations on behalf of constituent entities and municipal entities within their competence established by regulatory legal acts determining the status of those bodies.

Federal state control (supervision) in horse husbandry and the organization of pedigree breeding activities and preservation of breed biodiversity shall be exercised by executive authorities and the Federal Centre for Horse Husbandry and Conservation of Horse Breed Biodiversity of the Russian Federation. Its areas of activity shall be determined by the Government of the Russian Federation.

Translator's note: the name of the Federal Centre in this paragraph differs from that used in Article 2(23), Article 10 and Article 23. The names are retained individually, without assuming that the source formally identifies them as the same body.

Agricultural producers engaged in horse husbandry shall own the horse-husbandry products obtained through their activities and the corresponding infrastructure for producing and testing horses (racecourses).

Ownership rights in horse husbandry shall arise in accordance with civil legislation.

Article 10. Powers of the Federal Centre for Pedigree Horse Breeding

The Federal Centre for Pedigree Horse Breeding shall exercise the following functions:

1) submit to the Government of the Russian Federation proposals concerning draft federal laws, regulatory legal acts of the President and Government of the Russian Federation and other documents requiring a decision of the Government of the Russian Federation on matters within the Federal Centre's established sphere of activity, and a draft work plan and forecast performance indicators for the Federal Centre;

2) exercise, in the manner and within the limits determined by federal laws and acts of the President and Government of the Russian Federation, ownership powers in respect of federal property required to ensure the performance of functions of federal public authorities within the Agency's established sphere of activity, including property transferred to federal state unitary enterprises, federal state institutions and treasury enterprises subordinate to the Agency;

Translator's note: the source refers to an 'Agency' here and in item 26 although the article concerns the Federal Centre and does not define an Agency. The term has not been silently replaced.

3) implement a unified state policy in horse husbandry; organize comprehensive study of genetic resources in pedigree horse breeding to preserve biodiversity and their habitat, and measures to restore genetic resources and their habitat damaged by natural disasters or other causes, belonging to the cultural heritage of horses of gene-pool conservation and indigenous breeds

and domestically bred pedigree horses of national and historical significance;

4) develop draft state programmes in horse husbandry and stud breeding and submit them to the Government of the Russian Federation for approval;

5) exercise state oversight in horse husbandry within its powers;

6) prepare proposals for the Plan to Increase the Horse Population;

7) organize the maintenance of the State Studbook and State Pedigree Register of pedigree horses and pedigree horse-breeding organizations;

8) develop the form of pedigree certificate for the state registration of a horse;

9) organize amendments to the State Studbook and communicate it to horse keepers;

10) determine priority areas for putting advances in horse-husbandry selection and breeding work into practice, and organize expert assessment of organizations applying for pedigree horse-breeding organization status;

11) develop and approve norms and rules ensuring the safety of horses participating in tests;

12) establish the rights of horse keepers and horse owners;

13) prepare proposals for strengthening the material and technical base of pedigree horse breeding, organize auctions for the sale of pedigree horses or the conclusion of contracts with specialist organizations to arrange such auctions;

14) submit proposals for improving the financial support of activities and establishing tax concessions in horse husbandry to the appropriate authorized body;

15) organize measures to improve the efficiency of breeding work in horse husbandry through innovative technologies, and the protection of gene-pool conservation and indigenous breeds and domestically bred pedigree horses of cultural and national value, in accordance with the list of horse-husbandry genetic resources approved through the procedure established by Russian Federation legislation;

16) organize, within its powers, federal state control (supervision) in pedigree horse breeding and in the conservation of gene-pool conservation and indigenous breeds and domestically bred pedigree horses of cultural and national value, and horse-husbandry genetic resources located in specially protected natural areas of federal significance and listed in the Red Data Book of the Russian Federation; coordinate and oversee the activities of individuals and legal entities holding horses in state and private ownership;

17) organize information support for actors in the horse-husbandry sector irrespective of their form of ownership;

18) exercise state supervision of organizations engaged in reproduction, recording, assessment, breeding and trade in pedigree products and material as regards ensuring safety and compliance with the regulatory legal framework governed by public authorities; record horse-population growth trends and horses; select and allocate breeding stallions and broodmares among horse-husbandry holdings and ensure their use for the intended purpose;

19) approve regulations on branding, microchipping and marking immediately after a foal's birth;

20) prepare printed publications and organize and conduct scientific and practical conferences, exhibitions and fairs in horse husbandry;

21) participate in organizing horse tests (races) and formulating rules for using horses at horse exhibitions, beauty contests among horses, in recreation, tourism, for therapeutic and preventive purposes, at national festivals and historical reenactments, and establish rules for horse-sale auctions held in the Russian Federation and foreign states;

22) organize, improve and develop the system of professional education in horse husbandry, vocational training and professional development of pedigree horse-breeding specialists in accordance with international and Russian requirements;

23) organize measures to preserve genetic diversity in horse husbandry and the habitat of horses; develop and submit for state expert examination proposals on the export and import of horses of gene-pool conservation and indigenous breeds and domestically bred pedigree horses of national and historical significance; carry out artificial reproduction and acclimatization of genetic resources in horse husbandry;

24) organize the processing, issue and registration of permits to conduct anti-doping measures in the pedigree horse-testing system, amendments to such permits, and the suspension or cancellation of such permits before the expiry of their established validity period; organize the issue of opinions concerning the engagement and use of foreign-bred pedigree horses and foreign workers in events assessing the breeding qualities (grading) of horses under the State Flag of the Russian Federation;

25) ensure preparation of the resources and products of pedigree horse breeding for transfer to the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation

or joint use with them in accordance with mobilization assignments approved by the Government of the Russian Federation;

26) organize the activities of subordinate organizations and sectoral unions (associations) in matters within the agency's competence concerning horse-husbandry development and regulation of the corresponding sphere;

27) ensure the development of international cooperation in horse husbandry;

28) exercise other powers in horse husbandry in accordance with this Federal Law and other regulatory legal acts of the Russian Federation concerning the preservation of the diversity of horse breeds, in accordance with Regulations approved by the Government of the Russian Federation.

Article 11. Powers of public authorities of the Russian Federation, public authorities of constituent entities of the Russian Federation and local self-government bodies in horse-husbandry and stud-breeding development

1. Powers of public authorities of the Russian Federation in horse-husbandry and stud-breeding development shall be exercised within the powers to formulate and implement state policy and provide regulatory legal regulation in the agro-industrial complex, in the following areas:

1) formulating the principal areas of state policy in horse husbandry;

2) formulating the horse-husbandry development strategy and overseeing its implementation;

3) designating the authorized body in horse husbandry and pedigree breeding activities and approving Regulations on that body;

4) determining templates for certificates of state registration of a horse and pedigree horse passports;

5) determining the Procedure for maintaining the State Studbook and State Register of pedigree horses;

6) assisting the protection of the lawful rights and interests of qualified specialists employed in the sector, providing training and retraining of personnel in horse husbandry and stud breeding and methodological and information support for them;

7) determining priorities for international cooperation in horse husbandry and stud breeding;

8) exercising other powers in accordance with this Federal Law and other regulatory legal acts of the Russian Federation in horse husbandry and stud breeding.

2. Public authorities of constituent entities of the Russian Federation shall exercise the following powers for horse-husbandry and stud-breeding development:

1) developing and implementing programmes of constituent entities of the Russian Federation for horse-husbandry and stud-breeding development within the implementation of state policy and the horse-husbandry development strategy;

2) monitoring compliance with veterinary and sanitary rules;

3) other powers provided for by regulatory legal acts of the Russian Federation and regulatory legal acts of constituent entities of the Russian Federation.

3. Local self-government bodies may be vested by law with individual state powers in horse-husbandry development in accordance with Federal Law No. 131-ФЗ of 6 October 2003 'On the

General Principles of the Organization of Local Self-Government in the Russian Federation':

1) assist horse keepers and horse owners in carrying out economic and animal-husbandry measures;

2) oversee the safety of horses and horse-husbandry facilities;

3) oversee compliance with environmental norms;

4) coordinate activities relating to land, water, nature conservation, veterinary, sanitary and epidemiological and other relations;

5) participate in resolving issues of allocating land plots to economic operators in the horse-husbandry sector, and oversee the sale of operational waste;

6) exercise other powers in accordance with this Federal Law and other regulatory legal acts in horse husbandry and stud breeding.

Article 12. Types of horse-husbandry activity

Types of horse-husbandry activity include:

1) breeding, keeping and caring for horses;

2) producing feed for horses;

3) grazing horses on pasture;

4) reproduction, transportation and acclimatization of horses;

5) selection and breeding work in horse husbandry;

6) organizing mating of pedigree horses for payment through the established procedure;

7) veterinary activities in horse husbandry;

8) organizing pedigree horse tests at racecourses and conformation inspections of horses;

9) organizing national festivals, equestrian tourism and historical reenactments;

10) conducting genetic studies to confirm horse parentage;

11) approving selection plans of pedigree horse-breeding organizations;

12) selling pedigree horses by auction;

13) scientific research activities in horse husbandry;

14) organizing hippotherapy sessions;

15) leasing horses;

16) carrying out selection and breeding work in horse husbandry;

17) developing and implementing stud-breeding development programmes;

18) organizing events to assess the breeding qualities of horses (grading);

19) overseeing compliance in conducting selection measures, including adherence to the timing of mating campaigns;

20) organizing breed and interbreed exhibitions and conformation inspections, including international ones, and other events assessing the breeding qualities of horses;

Article 13. National horse-racing totalizator (totalizator)

Regulation of the conditions for organizing the National Horse-Racing Totalizator (totalizator) shall be determined by applicable legislation.

Article 14. Selection and breeding work in horse husbandry and stud breeding

Selection and breeding work in horse husbandry is a set of animal-husbandry, selection and organizational/economic measures aimed at preserving and improving the valuable qualities of gene-pool conservation and indigenous horse breeds and pedigree horses bred in Russia;

Article 15. Protection of pedigree breeding activities in horse husbandry

1. Pedigree breeding activities in horse husbandry shall be carried out by preserving the gene pool of purebred horses and identifying new areas of pedigree breeding activities for the preservation of biodiversity.

2. To preserve the gene pool of purebred horses, breeding stallions and broodmares reared in the Russian Federation and held in any form of ownership may be used in pedigree breeding activities.

3. To preserve the gene pool of purebred horse breeds, coordinate the purchase of valuable foreign-bred sires and broodmares for selection purposes;

3. Pedigree breeding activities in horse husbandry shall be carried out in accordance with the Civil Code of the Russian Federation.

Translator's note: both consecutive provisions are numbered 3 in the source. The first does not specify who must coordinate a purchase or with which authority. No missing party or procedure has been supplied. The plural references to purebred horses and breeds have not been restricted to the specifically named Thoroughbred breed.

Article 16. Licensing of individual types of horse-husbandry activity

Licensing of individual types of horse-husbandry activity shall be carried out in accordance with Federal Law No. 99-ФЗ of 04.05.2011 'On Licensing of Individual Types of Activity'.

Article 17. Standardization in horse husbandry

Standardization in horse husbandry shall be carried out in accordance with Russian Federation legislation, Federal Law No. 162-ФЗ of 29.06.2015 'On Standardization in the Russian Federation', Federal Law No. 102-ФЗ of 26.06.2008 'On Ensuring Uniformity of Measurements', and Federal Law No. 315-ФЗ of 01.12.2007 'On Self-Regulatory Organizations'.

Article 18. Rights and obligations of horse keepers and horse owners

1. Horse keepers and horse owners shall have the following rights:

1) to act on behalf of a legal entity and an individual;

2) to determine their type of horse-husbandry activity;

3) to acquire, sell and use horses for their intended purpose;

4) to establish a public association in horse husbandry;

5) to protect their lawful interests in horse husbandry;

6) to compensation for damage caused to their horses, property and other material assets;

7) to advertise horses and horse-husbandry activities;

8) to receive specialized education in horse husbandry and equestrian sports, improve their professional training and upgrade their qualifications;

9) to use the mass media;

10) to organize horse auctions in accordance with Russian Federation legislation;

11) to enter their pedigree horses in tests, beauty contests among horses and equestrian sports competitions;

12) to prepare and submit proposals for the development and improvement of the horse-husbandry sector to the authorized body;

13) to participate in developing horse-husbandry development programmes and plans;

14) to use methodological recommendations of the authorized body and appropriate horse-husbandry specialists;

15) other rights in accordance with Russian Federation legislation;

2. Horse keepers and horse owners shall:

1) not change the name given at birth to a foal registered in the State Studbook;

2) comply with veterinary and sanitary norms and safety rules at horse-husbandry facilities and ensure fire safety;

3) comply with veterinary norms in horse husbandry;

4) comply with environmental requirements for keeping horses;

5) apply for the entry of their horses in the State Studbook;

6) ensure the safety of horses when driving them on foot or transporting them;

7) take measures to prevent disease and injury in horses and ensure their treatment;

8) comply with animal-husbandry rules for keeping and caring for horses, including arranging care for retired racehorses;

9) use pedigree horses for their intended purpose;

10) enhance the standing of the horse and cultivate respect for it;

11) bury deceased horses in places specially designated by local executive authorities and local self-government bodies;

12) keep records of the pedigree horse population held in any form of ownership and submit a report on it to the authorized body;

13) safeguard the breed purity of pedigree horses;

14) preserve and increase the horse population;

15) submit a report to the authorized body on the number of horses in all age groups;

16) perform other obligations in accordance with Russian Federation legislation.

Article 19. Procedure for providing and using information in horse husbandry

Dissemination of information in horse husbandry and stud breeding that contains official, professional or trade secrets is prohibited.

Information constituting a secret may be provided to third parties only with the holder's consent.

Article 20. Measures to protect horses and ensure their safety

1. Protection of horses includes a set of measures for preserving pure bloodlines and improving horse breeds, breeding them and preventing and countering offences in horse husbandry,

including measures to preserve habitat, conduct monitoring and environmental expert examinations in horse habitats in order to preserve habitat and biodiversity.

2. Horses shall be protected through the following measures:

1) preserving the gene pool of purebred horses;

2) protecting horses from physical, mechanical, chemical and biological injury;

3) ensuring the safety of horses when they are kept, grazed on pasture, used and cared for;

4) establishing restrictions and prohibitions relating to the use of horses;

5) preventing disease among horses and liability for harm caused to horses by natural disasters;

6) preventing the threat of extinction of horse breeds as a result of mixing of bloodlines and changes in habitat and living conditions;

Translator's note: the source term 'кровосмешение' is rendered literally as mixing of bloodlines. The draft does not clarify whether it means crossbreeding or close inbreeding; no specific genetic interpretation has been substituted.

7) organizing scientific research aimed at substantiating measures for horse protection and biodiversity preservation;

8) educating citizens in humane treatment of horses;

9) complying with veterinary, sanitary and epidemiological and environmental requirements for keeping horses that contribute to preserving biodiversity and habitat;

10) complying with safety rules and managing the risks faced by new or inexperienced workers and other persons when interacting with horses, including in horse riding, equestrian events and recreational outings.

11) publicizing in the mass media the historical traditions of using horses, horse protection and the importance of biodiversity preservation.

Article 21. Restrictions relating to the use of horses

1. The use of doping agents for horses is prohibited.

2. Grazing horses in places and on pastures without an environmental expert examination is not permitted.

3. Physical torture of horses is prohibited when conducting scientific research using horses.

4. To minimize damage to the environment and horse habitat, the use of horse-husbandry facilities and adjoining land plots for scientific research, geodetic work, geological surveys and archaeological excavations without permission from the horse owners is prohibited.

5. Excessive use of the whip is not permitted.

Article 22. Environmental requirements for keeping horses

1. Activities affecting traditional horse habitats and affecting ecological biodiversity are prohibited.

2. Construction, the siting of facilities and earthworks unrelated to the horse-husbandry sector, and violation of environmental norms, are prohibited in the territory adjoining stables.

3. Technical and veterinary norms shall be observed in places where horses are kept and in stables.

Translator's note: part 1 says 'affecting', not 'adversely affecting'. Part 2 has an unclear grammatical link between activities unrelated to the sector and violation of environmental norms. The scope has not been narrowed by adding 'adverse' or changing 'and' to 'or'.

Article 23. Branding, microchipping and marking horses

1. Branding, microchipping and marking horses form the basis of breeding work in horse husbandry.

2. The Federal Centre for Pedigree Horse Breeding shall organize measures relating to branding, microchipping and marking.

3. A newborn foal shall be branded, microchipped and marked and registered in the State Studbook, and shall remain recorded throughout its life. All pedigree horses in the Russian Federation shall be marked before registration in the State Studbook.

Article 24. Conducting scientific research in horse husbandry

1. Scientific research in horse husbandry shall be conducted by the authorized body, research institutes, scientific production centres, laboratories and appropriate educational institutions through the procedure determined by Russian Federation legislation.

2. Within its competence, the authorized body shall determine priority areas for horse-husbandry development and assist in putting scientific advances in horse husbandry into production.

Article 25. Training horse-husbandry specialists

1. Horse-husbandry specialists shall be trained by institutions of secondary vocational and higher professional education.

2. Such institutions shall be established and operate in accordance with Russian Federation legislation.

Article 26. Retraining and professional development of horse-husbandry personnel

1. Retraining and professional development of horse-husbandry personnel shall be carried out in accordance with Russian Federation legislation.

2. Occupational requirements for horse-husbandry workers shall be determined by the authorized body jointly with the authorized state body for labour and social protection of the population of the Russian Federation.

3. The authorized body may award qualification categories to horse-husbandry workers in accordance with Russian Federation labour legislation.

4. Horse-husbandry workers may organize professional communities in accordance with Russian Federation labour legislation.

Article 27. Copyright and intellectual property rights in achievements of selection and breeding work in horse husbandry

Copyright and intellectual property rights in achievements of selection and breeding work in horse husbandry shall be determined in accordance with Russian Federation legislation.

Article 28. Financing horse-husbandry activities

Horse-husbandry activities shall be financed from:

1) federal and regional budgets;

2) profit obtained from the production and economic activities of horse-husbandry enterprises;

3) funds from sponsorship and other assistance;

4) the national horse-racing totalizator;

5) other sources of finance not prohibited by Russian Federation legislation.

Article 29. International cooperation of the Russian Federation in horse husbandry

1. The Russian Federation shall conduct international cooperation in horse husbandry in accordance with generally recognized principles and norms of international law and the provisions of international treaties of the Russian Federation.

2. The authorized state body for horse husbandry and the Russian Equestrian Society shall have the right to represent the interests of the Russian Federation in international equestrian sports organizations, and to represent the Russian Federation at events conducted by international organizations.

Article 30. Import of horses into and export of horses from the Russian Federation

1. Executive authorities shall oversee the import into and export from the Russian Federation of pedigree, sport, working and meat horses in accordance with Russian Federation legislation.

2. The procedures for importing pedigree, sport, working and meat horses into and exporting them from the Russian Federation shall be established by Russian Federation legislation.

3. The Russian Federation shall assist the development of international cooperation in horse husbandry. International cooperation of the Russian Federation in horse husbandry shall be conducted in accordance with Russian Federation legislation.

Article 35. Entry into force of this Federal Law

Translator's note: the available draft proceeds directly from Article 30 to Article 35. Articles 31-34 are absent from the source. The number 35 is retained; no missing articles have been supplied.

This Federal Law shall enter into force on the day of its official publication.

President
V. V. Putin

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