



Our Ref : EC 006

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12 December 2007

Ms Evelyn Flynn
Company Secretary
The Irish Cob Society Limited
Longacre
Cabin Hill
Naul
Co Dublin

Dear Evelyn

I refer to the Irish Cob Breed Society's (ICS) application for approval to maintain the Irish Studbook of origin for the Irish Cob breed under the European Communities (Equine Stud Book and Competition) Regulation 2004, SI 399 of 2004, as amended by SI 530 of 2007.

I am to convey the approval of the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in accordance with Regulation 3 of the European Communities (Equine Stud-book and Competition) Regulations, 2004 (SI 399 of 2004) as amended by SI 530 of 2007 to the ICS for the above purposes for a period of 12 months from 1 January 2008 subject to the following condition:

- The Department will carry out an interim inspection of the ICS after 6 months approval. If any deficiencies are noted at this inspection the Department will provide the ICS with a period of 3 months to address. Following this, another inspection will be carried out to assess if the relevant deficiencies have been remedied and to ascertain if it is appropriate to renew the approval beyond the initial 12 month period.

The EU Commission will be advised of the approval of the ICS accordingly. The Department will also advise the Competent Authorities in other Member States with approved daughter studbooks for the ICS breed of the approval of the ICS and will inform them of the relevant studbook principles.

Please note that the Society should submit an application for renewal of this approval at least three months in advance of the expiry date of same.

Yours sincerely

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