

(In XXXX country add suffix FR after horse's name)

Convention regarding the management of horses born in France  
and registered in the XXX stud book

Between:

The Mother Stud Book Association, hereinafter referred to as « XX SOCIETY » represented by .....

And,

The public establishment the "National Stud Administration", hereinafter referred to as « HN » (in French « Haras Nationaux ») represented by its General Manager.

**Legislative references :**

Regarding the Commission Decision (92/353/EEC) of 11 June 1992 laying down the criteria for the approval or recognition of organizations and associations, which maintain or establish stud-books for registered equidae;

Regarding the Commission Decision (92/354/EEC) of 11 June 1992 laying down certain rules to ensure coordination between organizations or associations, which maintain or establish stud-books for registered equidae

Regarding the Rural Code, in particular Art. L.212-9, L.653-2, L.653-12, R.653-13 to R.653-28, R.653-40 and D.212-46 to D.212-54;

Regarding the Decree of 29 May 2006, as amended on the general conditions for the management of stud books of horse and donkey species;

Regarding the Decree of 29 May 2006 as amended on breeds and designation of equidae;

Regarding Having Decree of 30 April 2002 establishing the standard equidae identification documents;

Regarding the Decree of 30 April 2002 on identification and guarantee of equidae parentage

**Assignments of the public establishment « les Haras nationaux » (« National Stud »):**

In conformity with the provisions of Article R.653-14 of the Rural Code, "the assignment of the public establishment, the National Stud Administration, is to promote and develop the breeding of equidae and horse-related activities in partnership, inter alia, with inter-trade organizations, local communities and associations".

Therefore, the tasks of the National Stud Administration, is to ensure in France:

- the secretariat of the approval and stud-book committees,
- the practical maintenance of pedigree files,
- the registration in stud-books and ledgers,
- the enforcement of stud book rules,
- the execution of individual stud-book committee decisions,
- the certification of parentage and registration in a stud-book,
- the publication of the equidae identification document (European passport)

**Assignments of the XX SOCIETY**

XX SOCIETY is an association of breeders recognized by the Mother Government to ensure maintenance of a sport horse's stud book further to the above-mentioned Decision N° 92/353/CEE of 11 June 1992.

As such XX SOCIETY defines the breeding policy and rules of its stud book. Its task is therefore to draw up the list of animals born on the French territory and eligible for registration at birth.

The parties agree as follows :

Article 1

The XX SOCIETY association entrusts the HN with the task of registering in the XX SOCIETY stud-book all eligible horses born on the French territory; it hereby states that HN shall have the exclusivity thereof.

Article 2

HN accepts this mission in view of the fact that XX SOCIETY is recognised by a Member State of the European Union and undertakes to carry out this task as part of the terms of reference assigned to it in France by the French Government.

Article 3

Finally "XX SOCIETY" shall send the breeder, of any foal eligible for entry in its stud book, a pre-entry certificate (mentioning the stud book section if applicable). The breeder shall enclose this certificate with the foal's declaration of birth.

Article

These horses shall be the result of registered coverings and shall be duly identified in application of current French regulations on breeding and identification of equidae in France. They shall further match the definition of eligibility as laid down in the rules of the XX SOCIETY stud book.

Article 5

Since a horse can only be registered at birth in one single stud book, a product foaled in France and eligible for entry at birth in a stud book kept in France that existed prior to this Convention, shall continue to be registered in the French stud book corresponding to its breed.

Article 6

Should a foal be eligible for entry in two foreign stud books not directly kept by France, the forwarding of the "XX SOCIETY" pre-entry certificate by the breeder shall constitute the latter's final and irreversible choice.

Article 7

In the identification documents, the HN shall, at the request of XX SOCIETY, enter the relevant details regarding the horse's registration and status in the stud book, in accordance with the French standard layout. HN shall also register these in the SIRE database.

Article 8

The XX SOCIETY stud book recognises the fact that the French document in question is the sole document for identification and registration of the horse to be entered in the XX SOCIETY stud book and that the UELN number on the passport is the horse's only life number.

Article 9

Pedigree and administrative information needed to register foals shall be forwarded to HN by XX SOCIETY and final details on their registration shall be forwarded to XX SOCIETY by HN in accordance with the procedures for exchange of data laid down by mutual agreement and to be appended herewith.

These procedures shall, insofar as possible, correspond to the "XMLHDE" programme of the World Horse Identification Data Exchange Committee (WHIRDEC).

#### Article 10

With a view to the implementation of the present Convention, XX SOCIETY may appoint one or several natural and/ or legal persons to represent it in France. The official communication language shall be French.

XX SOCIETY, or its representative in France, shall be responsible for informing the breeders on the implementation of its stud book rules and on the present Convention.

#### Article 11

XX SOCIETY shall be responsible for informing HN of any changes in its structure and rules, as well as in its representation in France.

HN shall inform XX SOCIETY of any changes in its rules and organisation that may affect implementation of this Convention.

XX SOCIETY and HN shall together fix the date of an annual meeting for mutual exchange of information to ensure the smooth running of their cooperation.

#### Article 12

This Convention shall be signed for a period of 5 years. It can be renewed. It may be denounced by any one of the parties with due regard to the interests of breeders: thus, for the management of the products and breeding events of the following year, denunciation shall be pronounced before 30 June of the current year.

In any case, HN shall ensure the management of any dossier entrusted to it regarding foals born during the year the denunciation was pronounced.

#### Article 14

The present Convention is issued in three copies, of which one shall be deposited with the French Ministry of Agriculture, Horse Directorate.