

## ***Rights and obligations of breeders, breed societies and breeding operations***

### *Article 13*

**Rights of breeders participating in breeding programmes approved in accordance with Article 8(3), and, where applicable, Article 12** 1. Breeders shall have the right to participate in a breeding programme approved in accordance with Article 8(3), and, where applicable, Article 12 provided that: (a) their breeding animals are kept on holdings located within the geographical territory of that breeding programme; (b) their breeding animals belong, in the case of purebred breeding animals, to the breed, or, in the case of hybrid breeding pigs, to the breed, line or cross, covered by that breeding programme. 2. Breeders participating in a breeding programme approved in accordance with Article 8(3), and, where applicable, Article 12 shall have the right: (a) to have their purebred breeding animals entered in the main section of the breeding book established for the breed by the breed society in accordance with Articles 18 and 20; (b) to have their animals recorded in a supplementary section of the breeding book established for the breed by the breed society in accordance with Article 20; 29.6.2016 L 171/87 Official Journal of the European Union EN (c) to have their hybrid breeding pigs registered in a breeding register established for the breed, line or cross by a breeding operation in accordance with Article 23; (d) to participate in performance testing and genetic evaluation in accordance with Article 25; (e) to be provided with a zootechnical certificate in accordance with Article 30(1) and (4); (f) on request, to be provided, with up-to-date results of the performance testing and genetic evaluation for their breeding animals, where those results are available; (g) to have access to all the other services provided in relation to that breeding programme to the participating breeders by the breed society or breeding operation carrying out that breeding programme. 3. In addition to the rights laid down in paragraphs 1 and 2, where the rules of a breed society or breeding operation provide for membership, the breeders referred to in paragraph 1 shall also have the right: (a) to become a member of that breed society or breeding operation; (b) to participate in the defining and development of the breeding programme in accordance with the rules of procedure referred to in point B(1)(b) of Part 1 of Annex I.

### *Article 14*

**Rights and obligations of breed societies and breeding operations** 1. As regards their breeding programmes approved in accordance with Article 8(3), and, where applicable, Article 12, breed societies and breeding operations shall have the right to define and carry out such breeding programmes autonomously, provided that they comply with this Regulation and any conditions of their approval. 2. Breed societies or breeding operations shall have the right to exclude breeders from participating in a breeding programme where those breeders fail to comply with the rules of that breeding programme or with the obligations set out in the rules of procedure referred to in point B(1)(b) of Part 1 of Annex I. 3. In addition to the right referred to in paragraph 2, breed societies and breeding operations which provide for membership shall have the right to exclude breeders from membership where those breeders fail to comply with their obligations set out in the rules of procedure referred to in point B(1)(b) of Part 1 of Annex I. 4. Breed societies and breeding operations shall, without prejudice to the role of the courts, have a responsibility to settle disputes that may arise between breeders, and between breeders and the breed society or breeding operation, in the process of carrying out breeding programmes approved in accordance with Article 8(3), and, where applicable, Article 12, in accordance with the rules of procedure referred to in point B(1)(b) of Part 1 of Annex I.