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The Office for the Preservation of Resources and Animal Feed received a letter dated the 4th of February with regards to PRE Mundial and the information that appears in the magazine "Trofeo Caballo," due to which this Association has presented several comments and questions.

Included herein is the reply from this department, about which a communiqué was issued in October of 2009.

LA SUBDIRECTORA GENERAL,

Isabel García Sanz



Extract from the official document issued by the General Sub-directorate for Agricultural and Breeding Resources in reply to the letter sent by ANCCE, dated February 4, 2011

General reply from the General Directorate for Agricultural and Breeder Resources of the Ministry of the Environment, Rural and Marine Resources about aspects of equine identification mentioned in the letter from ANCCE, dated February 4, 2011 with regards to PRE Mundial.

MARM (Acronym in Spanish for Ministry of the Environment, Rural and Marine Resources) confirms that ANCCE is currently the only officially recognized association to handle the Stud Book of the native breed of Spain known as "Pura Raza Española" (identified in English as PRE or Purebred Spanish Horse) and that the registrations undertaken in any country of the world, as would be the case of "PRE Mundial," have no official recognition on behalf of Spain, the country that handles the breed's Book of Origin, as established by European Union policy, nor are these registrations, in any way, valid with regards to the native breed "Pura Raza Española."

In this regard, MARM has already issued a communiqué in October of 2009.



Is the breed PRE Mundial recognized in the Official Breed Catalog of Spain?

No

Does the Foundation in the USA appear on the list of officially recognized European associations with the right to own a UELN and issue passports in Europe?

Within Europe, each member state recognizes the organizations authorized to issue official equine identification documents within their national borders, and in the case of Spain, The Foundation has not been recognized either in this regard or for the official handling of the breed ...

... If The Foundation is not recognized in Spain or Europe, nor is PRE Munidal recognized as a breed, can passports be issued by The Foundation for equines born in Spain or Europe? In terms of the legality of these passports, can they be accepted if the Foundation (for the Pure Spanish Horse) in the USA has no official recognition or authority to do this? Can the said Foundation issue passports for equines born in Spain or Europe if it is not recognized as such?

It (The Foundation) may issue passports for horses born within the European Union if it is recognized by the member state in question.

Being that this is not the case, horses born in Spain that are identified solely by a passport issued by the Foundation, as it is not an officially recognized organization for this task, the said horses are considered as unidentified, thus falling to comply with the official legislation for the identification (of equines), in which case, disciplinary procedure may be taken in accordance with article 28 of Royal Decree 1515/2009.

Consequently, the Foundation must not issue these passports for equines born in Spain or in Europe.

If the passport must be printed in an indivisible format and that is issued for the whole life of the horse, can a second passport be issued if the horse has already been identified by the region (where it lives) and already has a passport?

There can only be one official equine identification document. There may be other documents for other reasons, but they can never be considered official identification documents nor should they lead to confusion ...

... The documents issued by the Foundation for equines born and identified in Spain as horses for breeding and profit by a given regional government, is of no official authority as an identification document.

The indication and fraudulent use of the name "Pura Raza Española" on this passport and on its reverse side, without any official recognition enters into contradiction with the official legislation and therefore could lead to error and confusion on behalf of breeders, with regards to whether these horses really are this breed and are correctly identified.

Breeders must clearly understand this matter and should the final passport lead to confusion, perhaps there are means to take legal actions to request changes in the appearance or information provided or to indicate that the said document is not an official identification document.