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The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine has recognised the Irish Suffolk Sheep Society and approved them to operate a breeding programme for the Irish Suffolk sheep breed in line with Commission Regulation 2016/1012<sup>1</sup> on the 1 August 2019. As part of their breeding programme they are authorised to issue zootechnical certificates to breeders which verifies the animal in question is purebred. These zootechnical certificates meet the requirements of the legislation.

Commission Regulation 2016/1012 requires other breed societies which are recognised under this legislation for the same breed to accept these zootechnical certificates and accept these animals into their breeding book.

A list of breed societies recognised by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine can be found at the following link

<https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/farmingsectors/animalbreeding/approvedestablishmentsintheveterinaryandzootechnicalfieldapprovedlaboratories/>

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<sup>1</sup> REGULATION (EU) 2016/1012 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 8 June 2016 on zootechnical and genealogical conditions for the breeding, trade in and entry into the Union of purebred breeding animals, hybrid breeding pigs and the germinal products thereof and amending Regulation (EU) No 652/2014, Council Directives 89/608/EEC and 90/425/EEC and repealing certain acts in the area of animal breeding ('Animal Breeding Regulation')