# ICAR Certificate of Quality: Breeding Services of the Slovak Republic

# Auditor(s)' Report for the ICAR Executive Board

### Name(s) of Auditor(s) and areas audited:

Charl Hunlun, Service-ICAR Srl

Identification of Milking Sheep Production recording of Milking Sheep Laboratory Analysis (Milk) Data processing

#### Date of audit:

Visited audit – 15 June to 17 June 2015

# **Applicant:**

Breeding Services of the Slovak Republic (PSSR)

# **Activities for which the ICAR Certificate of Quality are requested:**

Identification of Milking Sheep Production recording of Milking Sheep Laboratory Analysis (Milk) Data processing

# Auditor's recommendation for the granting or refusal of the ICAR Certificate of Quality:

It is recommended that the ICAR Certificate of Quality is granted to the applicant in respect of all activities applied for.

In the event of a negative recommendation, for the whole or part of the application, list the areas requiring attention and give a résumé as to reasons for non-acceptance and or non-compliance. Please list in order of priority.

This section has to refer to any breach of national law or ICAR Guidelines, quoting references.

#### Not applicable.

In the event of a positive recommendation, please list any areas which, in the opinion of the auditor(s), would improve performance or service to the applicants farmers/customers.

None.

#### **Review**

Auditors to give a résumé of each of the areas for which the applicant requested audit and how in the auditors' opinion the applicant was providing service.

#### Identification

Résumé:

The PSSR is responsible for the national animal identification system in the Slovak Republic and maintains the national central animal register and records holding facilities, animals and animal movements nationally. The applicant also prints and distributes ear tags to farmers. All the procedures conform fully to the relevant national and EU regulations and are in accordance with the relevant ICAR Guidelines.

## **Transport**

Résumé:

An efficient system for the transport of milk samples is in place. Samples are preserved and cooled and generally (more than 70% of the cases) delivered to the laboratory within 24 hours. The postal service is used for 30% of the samples. All samples are analysed within 2 days after sampling. Sample identification is adequate and a system of bar coding has been implemented.

## **Production recording**

Résumé:

Method  $A_C$  is used exclusively for milk production recording of Milking Sheep. Two milking flocks in the area of Liptovský Mikuláš were visited and the relevant procedures and practices were observed and were found to be in accordance with the relevant ICAR Guidelines. All meters are owned by the applicant and are subject to compulsory annual recalibration.

#### Laboratory

Résumé:

The relevant procedures were observed in the Central Milk Analysis Laboratory in Žilina. The laboratory is accredited according to ISO / IEC 17025:2005 and SNAS (S-003) for the period 2012 to 2016. The laboratory regularly participates in national and international (Kiel) ring tests, with positive results. The laboratory has excellent QA procedures in place.

#### **Data processing**

Résumé:

The data processing centre in Žilina was visited in 2013 and the relevant procedures concerning data capturing, processing, storage and distribution were discussed. All relevant procedures were inspected and discussed again during the current visit. PSSR uses an integrated database where all the records from the national animal identification system, production recording and herd book data are functionally inter-related. All the relevant procedures are in accordance to the ICAR Guidelines.

#### Genetic evaluation

Résumé:

Not applicable.

# Other comments/remarks/opinions not covered above

The Breeding Services of the Slovak Republic was represented by:

Dr. Stefan Ryba – Director

Ms. Marta Dianova – Deputy Director

Mr. Kamil Sulko – Program Manager

Mr. Milan Hubka – Manager: Liptovský Mikuláš

Mr. Marián Kubín – Field Technician: Small Stock

Ms. Stefania Kisova – Quality Manager: CLMA Žilina

All presentations were managed expertly and professionally and all questions were answered openly and clearly. All staff was very helpful during all stages of the audit.

Charl Hunlun Auditor 2015/06/29