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## Request for investigation of Asociación Nacional de Criadores de Caballos de Pura Raza Española ANCCE and its activities as a breeding organisation

### Background

The Swedish Board of Agriculture has been contacted by breeders of horses of the breed Pura Raza Española, who are concerned with the activities regarding registering horses in the studbook kept by Asociación Nacional de Criadores de Caballos de Pura Raza Española (ANCCE). Their concerns are mainly related to how the Swedish organisation, that has been appointed by ANCCE to serve breeders in Sweden, Norway and Finland, handles their responsibilities. This way of organizing the activities has, according to the breeders, increased their cost as well as slowed down contact between breeders and ANCCE. The documents we have received indicates that the ANCCE does not take responsibility for the activities taking place in Sweden, but leaves this to the Swedish organisation.

Sweden was notified on October 16 2018 that ANCCE carries out its breeding program in Sweden. Since ANCCE is recognised in Spain, we are not the competent authority to perform official controls of their activities. We therefore, in line with article 48 in Regulation (EU) 2016/1012, submit to you a request for an investigation in this matter. We are especially interested in knowing whether ANCCE actually ensure equal treatment of all breeders participating in the breeding programme, not the least concerning fees and access to the office, regardless of where the breeder is located.

We will, of course, provide you with any assistance required for you to perform the control.

Best regards,

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