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Dear Breeder,

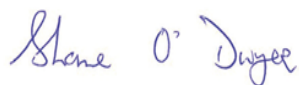
This is a reminder to breeders that under **Statutory Instrument 62/ 2016** which is a direct action from the EU Commission Implementing Regulation 2015/262, when a thoroughbred passport is issued, it should be sent to the keeper where the animal is resident.

The Implementing Regulation 2015/262 came into force on 1 January 2016 and is directly applicable in all Member States. It is primarily a human health measure, aimed at strengthening the existing system of 'horse passports' and ensuring that certain horses do not enter the human food chain.

It provides minimum standards for passports together with stronger powers for the Irish Government to suspend or withdraw approval to issue passports from organisations which fail to meet the standards.

With the above in mind, I would advise all breeders to consult with your stallion farm to ensure that registration of your foals takes place in a timely fashion with minimum disruption.

Yours Sincerely,



Shane O'Dwyer
CEO