

Regulation of the European Standard Committee for the Poultry Section (ESC-P)

§ 1 Organisation

1. The European Standard Committee, Poultry Section (hereafter "ESC-P"), is the permanent technical committee for the Poultry section within the European Association of Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbit and Guinea Pig Breeders (hereafter "EE"). The Committee carries out its activities freely within the range of the tasks it is entrusted with. Its organisation is subject to the regulations of the EE.
2. The ESC-P is composed of eleven (11) members, nine (9) of which are eligible to vote. It is composed as follows:
 - a) The Chairman (President), who is contemporarily Vice-Chairman of the Poultry Section;
 - b) The Minute Taker (Secretary);
 - c) The Chairman of the Poultry Section;
 - d) One delegate for each European region. The regions are: South-Western (Spain, France and Italy); Western (Belgium, UK and The Netherlands); Central (Switzerland, Germany and Luxembourg); Northern (Denmark, Sweden and Norway); Eastern (Czech Republic, Russia, Slovakia (Poland)) and South-Eastern (Austria, Hungary, Croatia and Slovenia).

The regions shall designate their delegates autonomously, and these will be confirmed by the general assembly of the ESC-P members. The candidates for nomination in the ESC-P are to be submitted to the Section's Chairman by December 31st. Membership in the ESC-P requires carrying out the activity of poultry judge and a proven record of such activity, as well as, where possible, membership of the Standard Committee in the candidate's country of origin.

- e) The Breeding and Admission Committee (BZA) of the German Federation of Pure-Bred Poultry Breeders (BDRG) shall be represented in the ESC-P by a member who shall not be eligible to vote. Such member shall be designated by the BZA.
- f) Among the members of the ESC-P will be also a representative of the Ornamental Birds Breeders appointed among the members of the Ornamental Birds Operational Group. This representative shall not be eligible to vote.
3. To ensure timely carrying out of the ESC-P's work, a Special Task position can be created within the ESC-P. This position is not eligible to vote.
4. ESC-P members are elected for a period of three (3) years. A second term is possible.
5. The ESC-P holds no less than two meetings a year. These are summoned by the ESC-P Chairman.
6. An assembly of the ESC-P can also be summoned by a majority (5) of its members.
7. Votes are carried out openly with the principle of relative majority. In case of tied voting, the Chairman is granted the casting vote.
8. The costs incurred by the ESC-P members shall be calculated in accordance with the current procedure within the Section.

§ 2 Tasks of the ESC-P

1. The task of the ESC-P consists of creating uniform standards for pure-bred poultry. Such aim is to be reached by means of examining, harmonising and coordinating the national standards. In doing so, the national specifics and the requirements of the countries of origin must be taken into consideration.
2. Supporting the members in their efforts to create uniformity of criteria for the judgment of Ornamental Birds (Anseriformes and Galliformes).
3. Supporting the member countries in their efforts of introducing and/or applying one European judgment system while taking into consideration the national specifics of the individual countries.
4. Recognising the new breeds, colour varieties and breed characteristics submitted for recognition by the member countries.
5. Updating the list of the „European Breeds and Colour Varieties“.
6. Updating the list of „Old, Rare and Endangered Breeds“.
7. Promoting and supporting research in the field of pure-bred poultry.
8. Determining the country of origin of the single breeds (See EE Standard Regulation).
9. Examining and approving the regulations and decisions approved by the section.

§ 3 Work Methods

1. The assembly of the ESC-P shall be summoned no less than four (4) weeks prior to the appointed date.
2. The assembly's agenda shall be sent to each member of the ESC-P together with the convocation of the assembly itself.
3. Each member country shall have the right to submit to the ESC-P Chairman topics for the assembly's agenda until respectively February 1st and August 1st of each year.
4. Newly recognised breeds or colour varieties in the various countries shall be submitted to the ESC-P Chairman before February 1st. The Chairman shall submit this information to the ESC-P members together with the assembly's agenda.
5. Requests for the modification of a breed standard concerning a change in the breed's characteristics or in the colour descriptions may be submitted to the ESC-P Chairman – when duly motivated – before February 1st of each year. The same regulation applies to the requests concerning the procedure for the presentation of newly created breeds or varieties. The Chairman shall submit this information to the ESC-P members together with the assembly's agenda.
6. The ESC-P shall discuss the submitted topics, any new admission in and modification of the standards and shall deliberate upon them. Accordingly, the ESC-P shall promptly ratify, reject or remit them to the country in question (requesting country) for further clarification. Once further clarification has been provided by the requesting country, the request may be submitted once again to the Section's Chairman. The rejection and the submittal of a new request must take place within six (6) weeks.
7. The decisions made by the ESC-P are sent to all member countries together with the assembly's minutes.
8. A duly motivated appeal against the ESC-P's decisions may be submitted to the section Chairman within three (3) weeks from receipt of the documentation. The section's assembly shall deliberate upon this appeal.
9. All correspondence between the ESC-P and the member countries as well as the creation of the assembly's documentation shall take place in German, English and French.
10. In order for decisions to be made in matters of breeds, colour varieties and breed characteristics, the requests addressed to the Committee shall be completed with exhaustive illustrative materials to be provided at meetings and assemblies.
11. Minutes will be taken at all ESC-P assemblies. The minutes shall be provided to all attendees and to the EE webmaster within three (3) weeks from the date of the assembly.
12. In coincidence with the section's annual assembly, the ESC-P Chairman shall provide a report on the activities of the ESC-P and communicate its decisions. The report shall be voted on.
13. The sections I and II of the Breeding and Admission Committee (BZA) of the German Federation of Pure-Bred Poultry Breeders (BDRG) are entrusted with the updating of the Poultry Standard for Europe in accordance with the ESC-P.

Notes:

- When speaking of individuals, this Regulation refers to persons of either sex.
- Should any issues arise with the interpretation of the French or the English version, the German version of the Regulation shall be the valid one.

This Regulation was approved during the 2007 Piestany Assembly of the ESC-P members and is effective immediately.

The Section's Chairman
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The Minute Taker
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