

# THE CANADIAN HIGHLAND CATTLE SOCIETY

## RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

The following rules shall govern eligibility for the registration of purebred Highland animals in the Herd Book of the Society ("Herd Book"):

1. For the purposes of the Society and pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of the Animal Pedigree Act (35-36-37 Eliz.II, c.13), the word "purebred" shall mean Highland cattle of genotypic purity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in case of conflict, the animals referred to in Section 2 of this article 31 as eligible for registration in the Herd Book shall be deemed to be purebred.
2. The following animals are eligible for registration in the Herd Book:
  - a) animals born in Canada and which are the progeny of animals registered in the Herd Book, provided that, in the case of an animal over two years of age, the breeder shall provide proof of parentage satisfactory to the Society;
  - b) animals born in Canada which are the result of artificial insemination, provided that
    - i) the dam and, except in the case of artificial insemination where the semen was imported into Canada prior to the coming into force of this provision, the sire have been registered in the Herd Book; and
    - ii) the collection, freezing, labeling, importing, use and recording of the semen have been performed in compliance with the applicable governmental laws and regulations and the bylaws and regulations of the Society;
  - c) animals born in Canada to a dam registered in Canada in the name of a Canadian-resident breeder, which was served naturally or artificially in a foreign country, provided that the application for registration is supported by proof that the sire was eligible for registration in the Herd Book;
  - d) animals, regardless of their country of origin, which have been imported into Canada and which are registered in the Herd Book proper of the Highland Cattle Society, supported by no less than five generations of ancestry so recorded and which have not, and none of whose ancestors shall have been
    - i) registered in a grading-up appendix to the Herd Book proper of the Highland Cattle Society since January 1, 1994; or
    - ii) conceived, born or registered in a member country of the European Union (other than the United Kingdom) or any other European country;
  - e) animals which have been imported into Canada from the United States of America, which are registered in the Herd Book of the American Highland Cattle Association (American Scotch Highland Breeders' Association), provided that, in the case of animals which have, or of animals whose ancestors have, been imported into the United States of America from a country other than Canada, the prohibitions applicable under sub-paragraphs i) and ii) of paragraph d), shall apply; and
  - f) animals produced by the transfer of embryos or fertilized ova from cow to cow, provided that
    - i) the genetic sire and dam are eligible for registration in the Herd Book;
    - ii) the recipient cow is identified;
    - iii) the animal and its sire and dam are identified by blood-typing or other technology approved by the Pedigree Committee;
    - iv) the collection, freezing, labeling, importing, transfer and recording of the embryos and fertilized ova have been performed in compliance with the applicable governmental laws and regulations and the bylaws and regulations of the Society; and further provided that
      - v) the registration number of the animals shall be preceded by the letter "T"; and that
      - vi) the owner of the dam, donor of the embryos or fertilized ova, may convey the rights to embryos or fertilized ova by written instrument to another party; and the owner shall provide the other party with a certificate of transfer of ownership of the resulting progeny.
3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Directors of the Society, on the recommendation of the Pedigree Committee may, in its discretion and by exception, authorize the registration of an animal imported into Canada from any country, provided that satisfactory proof is made of its purebred status.
4. This bylaw shall have force and effect on the date of its approval by the Minister of Agriculture.

## REGISTRATION OF PEDIGREES

- a. **Herd Book:** A register shall be kept at the office of the Canadian National Live Stock Record Board, which shall be known as The Canadian Highland Cattle Society Herd Book. This book shall be published at such times as decided by the Board of Directors, and in such form as warranted by the information available on office duplicates of certificates of registration issued.
- b. **Registration Form:** All applications for registration of animals under this Constitution must be made on the form supplied by the Canadian National Live Stock Records, and must be completed in ink or typewritten.
- c. **Imported Animals:** Applications for registration of imported animals must be signed by the importer, show the date of importation, and be accompanied by Certificates of Registration showing that they were registered in the record book of the country of origin in the name of the Canadian importer. If such an animal is in calf, in order to register the produce, the service information must be verified by

the recording Society or Association in which the service sire is registered. Offspring of such an animal may not be registered prior to the registration of the imported animal.

d. **Owner at Birth:** Registration of Canadian bred animals will always be made in the name of the owner of the dam at the time of birth of the calf. A change of ownership of the calf at birth must follow the normal transfer procedure.

e. **Owner of Dam:** An application for registration of an animal born in Canada must be signed by owner of the dam at the time of birth. The dam must be registered in the Herd Book of The Canadian Highland Cattle Society in the name of the owner signing.

f. **Owner of Sire:** An application for registration of an animal born in Canada due to natural insemination must be signed by the owner of the sire at the time of service. The sire must be registered in the Herd Book of The Canadian Highland Cattle Society in the name of the owner certifying service. In the case of an animal born due to artificial insemination, the above applies, along with the requirements of para. 31 (b).

g. **Twins:** When an animal is a twin, it shall be so stated when making an application for registration, and the sex of the twin shall be indicated. Should a twin be entered on the record without such a statement, no subsequent application for entry of the twin with the same shall be accepted.

h. **Breeder/First Owner:** The breeder of an animal is the owner of the dam at the time she was served. The first owner is the owner of the dam at the time of birth of the calf or calves.

j. **Naming:** Duplicate names must be avoided, and the right is reserved to change any name when necessary, preserving, as much as is possible, some characteristics of the name given in the application. No change in names of animals shall be permitted after registration, but a 30 day correction period will be allowed from date of registration.

k. **Name Length:** The name of an animal will not be accepted for registration if it is longer than thirty characters or spaces, including numeral affix.

m. **Colour Descriptions:** Colour descriptions may be included for registration, using the following recognized colour descriptions:

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| i. Black;           | vi. Dun;         |
| ii. Dark Brindle;   | vii. Silver Dun; |
| iii. Light Brindle; | viii. Yellow;    |
| iv. Red;            | ix. White.       |
| v. Light Red;       |                  |

#### **TRANSFERS**

a. **Provision of Certificate of Ownership:** In the case of the sale of any animal registered in The Canadian Highland Cattle Society Herd Book, except by written contract to the contrary, the seller shall provide a Certificate of Registration, showing the purchaser's ownership.

b. **Failure to Provide Certificate of Ownership:** In any case where the seller fails to provide the Certificate of Ownership, except by written contract to the contrary, the seller, if a member of the Society, shall be expelled, and in any case, further applications for registration or transfer made by the seller shall be refused.

c. **Change of Ownership:** Application for registration of change of ownership shall be made in ink or typewritten, on the form provided by Canadian National Live Stock Records for the purpose. The application must give the dates of sale and delivery and, in the case of a bred female, the date of service. In the latter case, the certificate of service shall also be completed. Change of ownership will be endorsed on the back of the original certificates of registration which must be forwarded with the application for transfer of ownership to the Canadian National Live Stock Records.

d. **Sale Without Transfer:** In the case of the sale of an animal for non-breeding purposes, as prescribed in the regulations of this Society, the seller shall not provide the purchaser with the certificate of registration, but shall forward it with full details of the transaction to the Canadian National Live Stock Records, and it shall be retained there. The transfer of ownership of an animal so reported shall not be recorded on the records of this Society.

#### **DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES**

A duplicate certificate may be issued if the registered owner or authorized agent files a statutory declaration on a form supplied by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, showing in a satisfactory manner that the original is lost, destroyed, or unobtainable.

#### **REGISTRATION OF TATTOO LETTERS**

a. **Application:** A breeder shall apply to Canadian National Live Stock Records for the registration of tattoo letters which shall be for the exclusive use of that breeder. A selection of letters (two, three, or four letter combinations) may be submitted for approval, and may be registered if there is no conflict with previously registered letters, at the pleasure of the Canadian National Live Stock Records. Where there is a conflict, or where no letters are requested, the next set of letters in the series currently being registered by the registrar shall be issued and registered.

b. **Use of Tattoo Letters:** Every animal for which registration is requested by application shall be tattooed for identification as provided herein. The tattoo shall be placed in the right ear, in two rows, the upper row being the Registered Tattoo Letters of the First Owner, and the lower row being the herd number sequence and year letter signifying the year of birth. The herd sequence numbers shall begin at '1' each year. The year letters shall be as per the table in Annex 'B' to this constitution. In exceptional cases, such as, but not limited to, small ears or placement of veins which would disallow the placement of both parts of the

tattoo in one ear, the lower row of the tattoo shall be placed in the left ear, and this shall be noted on the application for registration.

The tattoo mark shall be shown on the form when application is made for registration, and on the registration certificate which is subsequently issued.

- c. Tattooing by First Owner: Every animal for which an application for registration is made shall have been tattooed for identification by the First Owner at the first occurring of the following:
- i. an application being submitted for the registration of the animal;
  - ii. the animal being sold;
  - iii. the animal being weaned; or
  - iv. the animal becoming eight months of age.
- d. Transfer of Tattoo Letters: Registered Tattoo Letters may be transferred to another breeder, upon application under the signature of the registered owner or his authorized agent. Likewise transfer may also be made from a deceased owner to an heir.

#### **REGISTRATION OF HERD NAMES**

- a. Application: A breeder must apply for registration of a Herd Name for the exclusive name of that breeder.
- b. Use of Herd Name: A breeder may use a registered Herd Name as an affix in the naming of animals born in his ownership.
- c. Refusal of Application: The Board of Directors has the right to refuse any application for registration of a Herd Name where, in the opinion of the Board, it may lead to confusion as to the origin or relationship of animals registered with the name as affix.
- d. Transfer: A Herd Name may be transferred.

#### **PRIVATE HERD RECORDS**

It is the responsibility of each breeder to keep private records which shall contain the full particulars of the breeding operation of the herd. This record shall be open for inspection at any time by Officials of:

- a. The Department of Agriculture for Canada;
- b. Canadian Livestock Records Corporation;
- c. The Canadian Highland Cattle Society; and
- d. any other organization provided for under federal or provincial legislation.

#### **REQUIREMENTS OF MEMBERSHIP**

An annual member who has not paid the annual fee by March 1st shall be struck from the rolls of the Society, and shall lose the privileges of membership retroactive to January 1st of the same year. Registrations, transfers, and other fee requiring activities conducted for the member during the period January 1st to March 1st shall be suspended until the balance of non-members fees are paid, or the member has applied for membership and been accepted by the Board of Directors. Such member shall be treated as a new member, and shall be liable for annual and initiation fees, as may be required of any new member.