

# CANADIAN LIVESTOCK RECORDS CORPORATION

## CANADIAN GUERNSEY ASSOCIATION

### RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

#### ELIGIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION (Article 15)

##### 1. GENERAL

(a) Eligible for REGISTRATION shall be:

- (i) females born in Canada that have a minimum of seventy-five percent (75%) purebred Guernsey inheritance.
- (ii) Males with four generations of 100% purebred Guernsey ancestry

(b) (i) Animals over 12 months of age at time of application for registration shall be subject to a random parentage test of one in ten (10) animals. More frequent testing may be requested at the discretion of the registrar.

(ii) Animals over 24 months of age at time of application for registration shall be subject to a parentage test at the discretion of the registrar.

(iii) A parentage test shall be required to register a calf whose dam has been bred and/or exposed to two or more sires within a period of fourteen days.

(c) All applications which the Registrar considers doubtful or for rejection shall be submitted to the Secretary-Manager of the Association for investigation. If they are found to be in order they may be approved by him for registration. If they are still in doubt, they shall be submitted to the Pedigree Committee for final consideration.

##### 2. IMPORTS

eligible for registration shall be

(a) animals, embryo and in utero purebred Guernsey cattle that are registered or eligible for registration in the herd book of a member association of the World Guernsey Cattle Federation.

(b) animals born in Canada whose sire is registered in the Herd Book of a member association of the World Guernsey Cattle Federation, and whose dam is registered in the Canadian Guernsey Herd Book.

##### 3. ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

eligible for registration

(a) animals born in Canada as the result of Artificial Insemination may be registered under the regulations approved by the Board of Directors, provided the dam has been registered in the Canadian Guernsey Herd Book and the sire has been registered in the Canadian Guernsey Herd Book, or when imported semen is used, the sire must be registered in a book of records recognized by this Association.

(b) the Board of Directors may make such regulations as they deem advisable for the control and supervision of Artificial Insemination.

(c) no animal born in Canada as a result of Artificial Insemination shall be registered unless the rules and regulations of the Canadian Dairy Breeds regarding A.I. have been complied with.

##### 4. EMBRYOS

eligible for registration

(a) calves propagated by embryo transplant will be registered on application to the Registrar on the same terms as calves propagated by natural or artificial mating provided the sire and dam have genetic identification prior to making application for registration, and further provided that all male calves and one female calf out of the flush be parentage tested, and further provided that the interpretation of the percentage identification report does not exclude either the sire, dam or both as parents of the calf.

(b) embryo transplant certificates must be submitted with the application for registration

(c) the sire and dam must be properly identified as stated in Articles 13. Recipients must be identified.

(d) the use of more than one sire per flush is prohibited.

#### REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR PUREBRED STATUS (Article 16)

are eligible for purebred status - females under twenty-four months of age at the time the application is received at Registrar and that have a minimum of 93.76% (15/16) purebred Guernsey inheritance, and males with four (4) generations of parents where their purebred Guernsey inheritance is 100%. Animals registered as purebred are considered as having 100% purebred Guernsey inheritance.

Such females may qualify as Bull Dams, provided that they reach all performance and type requirements. Such bulls as produced from these qualifying dams will receive purebred status.

#### PEDIGREE REGISTRATION (Article 17)

##### Genetic Identification

The Association may at any time require the herd owner to genetically identify certain animals for the purpose of verifying applications and records on file for the registration of Guernseys. However, it will be standard procedure that the Association will require one (1) animal out of every 1000 applications for registration to be parentage tested. If the chosen animal cannot be tested, then an alternate one from the same herd will be picked. All breeding males shall be genetically identified before entering service.

#### INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMALS (Article 13)

Animals must be identified by means of one of the following methods: tattoo, dual (EZE-1R) ear tags, or electronic implant, according to the following rules:

#### (1) TATTOO LETTERS

- (a) a breeder must apply to the Registrar for and be allotted letters for his exclusive use with which to tattoo-mark animals born his property.
- (b) letters shall be tattooed in the right ear, at the time the letters are allotted.
- (c) in addition to the letters, there must also be tattooed in the other ear the herd number of the animal, and the herd number must be followed by a designating year letter to signify the year of birth. The letter "Y" will signify that the animal was born in 1989, the letter "Z" that the animal was born in 1990 and so on in alphabetical order. Note: the letters "I", "O", "Q" and "V" are not used to indicate the year of birth.
- (d) All Guernseys for which an application for registration or recordation is submitted must be tattooed before the application is made.
- (e) Re-tattooing - if an error has been made in tattooing any animal before registration or recordation is applied for, the animal should be re-tattooed correctly and both the correct and the incorrect tattoo reported on the application for registration or recordation.
- (f) If the tattooing in one or both ears of a registered or recorded animal is found to be incorrect after registration or recordation or becomes indistinct, application for permission to re-tattoo the animal must be made to the Canadian Guernsey Association or to the Registrar. Instructions for re-tattooing will be forwarded.  
The Secretary-Manager of the Canadian Guernsey Association, a director of the Association or other specifically designated by the Secretary-Manager of the Association or by the Registrar for the purpose, must supervise the re-tattooing of registered animals and certify to the correctness of forms required in such cases.

#### (2) DUAL EAR TAGS

EZE-1R ear tags, including herd and individual identification numbers, are to be placed in each ear.

#### (3) ELECTRONIC IMPLANT

An electronic implant bearing a unique identification number, implanted in a recommended location. A secondary method of identification must also be employed.

#### (4) HERD PREFIX

- (a) Each breeder who registers cattle must have a registered herd prefix which will precede the name of the animal of which he is the breeder. In the case of joint ownership of the dam at time of service, the prefix registered to any one of the breeders may be used in the name of the resulting progeny.
- (b) In the event of a change in the name of a partnership or company, or if a member of the same family is taken into partnership, the name may be transferred on application to Registrar of the registered owner or his authorized representative. Likewise transfer may be made from a deceased owner to his heir.
- (c) A registered name may be transferred to another person or persons on application of the person in whose name it is registered.
- (d) After the expiration of five years a registered name will be forfeited if it has not been used in registering an animal by the registered owner.
- (e) A registered herd prefix may be used by a son or daughter provided the parent furnishes the Registrar with a letter giving his/her consent to the use of the prefix and that the cattle are maintained in one breeding unit.

#### (5) NAMES OF ANIMALS

- (a) Names shall not contain more than thirty (30) letters, spaces or characters, including herd name and numerical affix. All suffixes (Y, QE, ET) shall be dropped from names and registration numbers. It shall not be permissible to change the name of an animal after it has been registered for thirty (30) days.
- (b) An imported animal must be registered in the Canadian Guernsey Herd Book in the same name as it was registered in the country of origin.
- (c) All animals born at property of anyone other than the breeder shall be named with the prefix of the breeder.

#### **RECORDED ANIMALS (Article 14)**

1. A certificate may be issued for females not eligible for registration. The certificate thus issued is the Certificate of Record. The Rules of Eligibility for Recordation shall be determined by the Executive Committee.
2. An animal which exhibits typical Guernsey characteristics, but for which there is no available information on its ancestry, shall be recorded at a level designated on the certificate as "Bass-BB". An animal which does not exhibit Guernsey characteristics shall be recorded as "Crossbred-XX". This designation may apply to more than one generation, if those generations do not exhibit Guernsey characteristics or otherwise meet the requirements of Base or percentage animals. The progeny of Crossbred animal that exhibit typical Guernsey characteristics shall be recorded as Base-BB animals and the progeny that are out of a Base-BB dam and have a known purebred Guernsey sire shall be recorded as 50% Guernsey.

#### **MEMBERSHIP (Article 4)**

No members shall be entitled to any of the rights and privileges of the Association during any year until his annual fee for that year is paid. On March 31<sup>st</sup>, in each year all members who paid for the preceding year but who have not paid for the then current year shall be removed from the membership roll. They may nevertheless again become members in the manner prescribed by this constitution. They, however, elect to register or transfer at non-members' rate during this three month period.