

# **CONSTITUTION**

## **MURRAY GREY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

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## **SECTION 1 – ASSOCIATION DEFINITION**

### **1.1 Name**

The legal name of the Association shall be MURRAY GREY INTERNATIONAL, INCORPORATED. The acronym MGI or MGI, INC will be commonly used and represents the legal name.

### **1.2 Mission**

MGI is a simple, low cost, member driven association of Murray Grey breeders formed primarily to provide a registry of Murray Grey breeding and also to encourage promotion of the Murray Grey Breed and the MGI membership.

### **1.3 Purpose**

- 1.3.1 To do everything possible to ensure that every MGI member regardless of origin is respected and treated equally.
- 1.3.2 To ensure that every member has access to uninterrupted, independent and professional registry services at the lowest possible costs.
- 1.3.3 To maintain high genetic merit and to uphold the integrity and credibility of the Murray Grey International, Incorporated Herd Book.
- 1.3.4 To create an atmosphere in which the membership will be encouraged to promote the Association and the Murray Grey Breed for their respective States, Provinces, Regions and Countries.

## **SECTION 2 – MEMBERSHIP DEFINITIONS**

### **2.1 Annual Members**

Shall be those individuals (at least 18 years of age), partnerships or Companies that have paid the prescribed annual membership fee that is due on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

### **2.2 Founding Members**

Are those members that purchased a founding membership on or before May 1<sup>st</sup> 2001. Founding members are equal to Annual Members.

### **2.3 Junior Members**

Shall be those individuals that have not reached the age of 18 years as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the membership year and have paid the prescribed annual membership fee that is due on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

## **SECTION 3 – MEMBERSHIP**

### **3.1 Application for Membership**

- 3.1.1 Application for membership must be in writing to the Registrar or the Administrator and each applicant, on becoming a member, shall be bound to the Constitution and Bylaws.
- 3.1.2 Application for partnership or incorporated company membership shall specify the person authorized to vote, act, or sign for that partnership or company.

### **3.2 Membership Services**

- 3.2.1 A member in good standing is a member who has complied with the regulations as hereinafter set forth and who is not in arrears of membership dues or fees and is not suspended.
- 3.2.2 No member or other person shall be entitled to any membership services, (including registry services, unless explicitly exempt), unless membership dues are paid for that year.
- 3.2.3 The membership year of the Association shall correspond with the calendar year, that is January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, regardless of when during the year dues are paid.
- 3.2.4 If a membership has lapsed for a membership year, then the membership is considered a new member.

### **3.3 Membership Voting Rights**

- 3.3.1 No member shall hold office or be entitled to vote or to give notice to amend this Constitution if they are in arrears of membership or other fees and dues.
- 3.3.2 Effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002, all new members joining the Association cannot vote or hold office in the Association during the first year of membership or a minimum of 6 months, whichever is greater. However, all new members are entitled to full registry services immediately upon payment of membership dues.

## **SECTION 4 – SUSPENSIONS**

### **4.1 Suspended Member**

- 4.1.1 The MGI Board of Directors may suspend any member who fails to comply with the rules governing the Association. Any member suspended

by the Association will not be entitled to registry services, or be eligible to vote, or to hold office in the Association.

4.1.2 A suspension may be imposed on any member who:

4.1.2.1 Knowingly gives wrong or misleading information on an application for registration.

4.1.2.2 Fails to tattoo animals according to the rules of the Association prior to application for registration.

4.1.2.3 Fails to transfer animals sold to a new owner.

## **4.2 Notification**

4.2.1 Any member being suspended by the Association must be promptly notified by Registered Mail.

4.2.2 The Association must clearly and specifically state in the letter the reason(s) the member is being suspended.

4.2.3 The letter must contain the required steps that the member needs to take to have the suspension lifted.

## **4.3 Appeal**

4.3.1 A suspended member has the right to appeal the suspension.

4.3.2 Such an appeal must be made in writing to the Administrator of the Association within 60 days of notification of the suspension.

## **4.4 Re-instatement**

4.4.1 To be reinstated requires a majority vote of the Board of Directors in the affirmative.

## **4.5 Final Appeal**

4.5.1 A suspended member, who is unsuccessful in their appeal through the Board of Directors, may request a full membership vote.

4.5.2 The suspended member must pay in advance (non-refundable) \$50.00US to the Association to cover the voting costs.

4.5.3 The membership vote must be two-thirds or greater in the affirmative for a successful reinstatement.

4.5.4 A Final Appeal must be made within 90 days of the original notification of Suspension.

## **4.6 Suspended Registration**

4.6.1 A Suspended Registration is a Registration of Pedigree or transfer that has been placed under suspension by the Board of Directors due to an irregularity.

- 4.6.2 Such suspension will remain in effect until the irregularity has been resolved.

## **SECTION 5 – AMENDMENTS**

### **5.1 Procedure**

- 5.1.1 All amendments to this Constitution must be submitted in writing to the Administrator.
- 5.1.2 The Amendment must be signed by the mover as well as two other members in good standing.
- 5.1.3 All proposed Amendments submitted will be subjected to no less than 90 days of open discussion before a full membership vote is conducted.
- 5.1.4 All members may discuss any amendment using any method they so wish.
- 5.1.5 An Amendment to be considered successful must be voted on by no less than 50% of the membership at large (eligible voters), with at least two-thirds (66.6%) in the affirmative.

### **5.2 Costs**

- 5.2.1 All proposed amendments must be accompanied by \$50.00US to help cover the communication costs to the General Membership.
- 5.2.2 Amendments proposed by the Board of Directors will be exempt from the \$50.00 fee.

### **5.3 Exceptions**

- 5.3.1 Procedures for Amendments to change the Registrar, or to move the MGI Office (outside of the USA), or regarding suspensions, are dealt with in their respective sections.

## **SECTION 6 – Registrar**

### **6.1 Definition**

- 6.1.1 The office for the Registration of Pedigrees shall be Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (CLRC), located in Ottawa, Canada.
- 6.1.2 Where the word Registrar or CLRC is used in this document it shall mean Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.

## **6.2 Role of the Registrar**

- 6.2.1 To provide prompt and professional registry services in a direct user-pay basis to every member in good standing.
- 6.2.2 To uphold and adhere to the MGI Rules in maintaining the MGI Herd Book.
- 6.2.3 To work in cooperation with the Board of Directors, and the Administrator.

## **6.3 Procedure to Change the Registrar**

- 6.3.1 Any member or group of members who propose to terminate or change the Registrar, must make a written and signed application to the Administrator.
- 6.3.2 The application must be accompanied by a \$50.00US non-refundable fee.
- 6.3.3 The Board will notify the entire membership of the proposed motion.
- 6.3.4 A period of no less than 12 months will be provided for membership discussion.
- 6.3.5 If the member or group of members that made the Application for change, still wish to proceed, they must notify the Administrator within 30 days of the end of the 12 month discussion period.
- 6.3.6 The notification must be accompanied by the supporting signature of ten (10) fellow members in good standing.
- 6.3.7 A vote would be considered successful, if a minimum of 50% of eligible members responded with their ballot, and a minimum of three-quarters (75%) are in the affirmative.
- 6.3.8 The Registrar requires at least one full year after notification to terminate services and transfer the herd Book to the new provider.

## **6.4 Failure of the Registrar**

- 6.4.1 If the Registrar ceases to exist, the Board of Directors will immediately take action to locate another Canadian based registry service. If there is no satisfactory Canadian based registry available then the Board will form a committee to conduct a search and report back to the Board.

## **SECTION 7 – ASSOCIATION OFFICE**

### **7.1 Location**

- 7.1.1 The Head Office of the Association shall be located in the same city where the Administrator resides.
- 7.1.2 The Association and the Board of Directors will make every reasonable effort to permanently maintain the Office location within the USA.

## **7.2 Procedure to Move the Office beyond the USA**

- 7.2.1 The conditions, procedure and rules that apply to terminating the services of the registrar (section 6.3) shall apply to any proposed amendment to relocate the office of MGI beyond the borders of the USA.

## **SECTION 8 – ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

### **8.1 Representation**

- 8.1.1 The MGI Board of directors will be comprised of one regionally elected MGI member in good standing from each of the following 7 geographical regions: USA-West, USA-South, USA-Midwest, USA-East, Western Canada, Eastern Canada, and World. The geographical regions are defined below.
- 8.1.2 A Regional Representative must reside in the Geographic Region that they are representing.

### **8.2 Terms**

- 8.2.1 Representatives will be elected to a 2-year term.
- 8.2.2 No Director/Representative shall serve more than 2 consecutive 2-year terms.
- 8.2.3 The Chair can only serve 1 consecutive 1 year term as the Chairperson.

### **8.3 Officers**

- 8.3.1 The officers of the Board will be appointed annually by the elected Regional representatives.
- 8.3.2 The Chair will not have voting rights at Board meetings, except to break a tie vote.

### **8.4 Elections**

- 8.4.1 Elections are to be staggered and held annually. Even years (2002,2004,...) will elect a representative for USA-West, USA-Midwest, Western Canada, and World. Odd years (2003,2005,...) will elect a representative for USA-South, USA-East and Eastern Canada.

### **8.5 Geographic Regions**

- 8.5.1 USA-West – Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico.



- 8.5.2 USA-South – Texas, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Virginia
- 8.5.3 USA-Midwest – Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota
- 8.5.4 USA-East – Ohio, Kentucky, New York, Indiana, West Virginia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Delaware, Virginia, Rhode Island and Washington D. C.
- 8.5.5 Western Canada – British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba
- 8.5.6 Eastern Canada – Ontario, Quebec, Newfoundland & Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick
- 8.5.7 World – all other areas outside of mainland North America that are not explicitly stated above

## **Section 9 – Powers of the Board**

### **9.1 Vacancies**

- 9.1.1 If a Director position becomes vacant for any reason (e.g. due to death, resignation, failure to maintain voting membership, failure to pay dues and/or fees, or for other reasons), then a special election will be held to fill the remainder of the vacant term, unless an election for that position is naturally scheduled to occur within 6 months.
- 9.1.2 The Board will appoint an interim Administrator in the case of a vacancy or for other reasons, such as health, were the current Administrator may be unable to perform for a period of time.

### **9.2 Membership Approvals**

- 9.2.1 The Board of Directors shall have the power to reject any application for membership provided they do so in a written reply within 90 days of submission of the application. The process for the Board and the applicant to follow is the same as that found in Section 4 – Suspensions.

### **9.3 Accountability**

- 9.3.1 The Board of Directors will be accountable to the membership and are bound to uphold this Constitution, and the results of all elections.
- 9.3.2 The Board of Directors has the primary responsibility to ensure that the Registry is established and maintained in a simple, low cost, member friendly condition with accuracy and integrity.
- 9.3.3 Actions of a MGI Board are in effect for that session (year) only and are not necessarily binding upon the following or any other Board.

9.3.4 All powers are held by the membership except those powers explicitly conferred in this Constitution.

#### **9.4 Committees**

9.4.1 The Board has the power to appoint the officers of the Association, and any committees.

### **SECTION 10 – VOTING**

#### **10.1 Eligibility**

10.1.1 Every member in good standing who is at least 18 years of age is eligible to vote as per Section 3.3

10.1.2 No member or individual may cast more than one ballot regardless of how many memberships that individual may have or be part of.

#### **10.2 Ballots**

10.2.1 Members must vote in writing, but may do so via fax, e-mail, or regular mail. It is the responsibility of every member to inform the Administrator of how they wish to receive their ballot.

10.2.2 Every ballot must be uniquely numbered and clearly indicate the name of the voter and the substance of the ballot. Every ballot will also contain the deadline date for the submission of the completed ballot. The Administrator is responsible to collect all completed ballots.

10.2.3 There shall be no secret ballots.

#### **10.3 Administrator Duties**

10.3.1 The Administrator is responsible to make a reasonable effort to contact all eligible members and make a ballot available to them no less than 30 days prior to the voting deadline.

10.3.2 There shall be no disclosure of any election result prior to the voting deadline.

10.3.3 The Administrator will make a reasonable effort to report the results of any election or vote to the membership within 7 days of the voting deadline.

10.3.4 All ballots must be kept on file by the Administrator for no less than 24 months.

#### **10.4 Recount**

10.4.1 Any member or group of members who wish to contest an election and call for a recount of ballots must do so within 30 days of the voting deadline and submit such a request in writing to the Administrator. Any

costs associated with the services of an independent auditor or accountant will be the responsibility of the applicant and must be paid in advance.

## **SECTION 11 – FEE SCHEDULE**

### **11.1 Membership Fee**

11.1.1 The Annual Membership fee is set at \$30.00CND or \$20.00USD.

### **11.2 Service Fee**

11.2.1 The Fee Schedule formula will be the Registrar charge to MGI, multiplied by a factor of 1.40 and rounded up to the nearest dollar.

11.2.2 The Fee Schedule will be set annually, as per section 11.2.1, immediately following notification from the Registrar of their charges to MGI.

11.2.3 The Association cannot charge the membership in excess of the Fee Schedule rate.

## **SECTION 12 – MEETINGS**

### **12.1 General Meetings**

12.1.1 The Board of Directors may call a General Meeting of the membership if deemed necessary. Due to the expense and distance between individual members and various regions, the Association will make effort to maintain the business of MGI as electronic as possible for the membership.

12.1.2 A General meeting does not change the requirements stipulated in Section 5

## **SECTION 13 – ANNUAL REPORTS**

### **14.1 Reports**

14.1.1 The Board of Directors shall submit to the membership a report of its acts and of the affairs of the Association on an annual basis.

14.1.2 The Administrator shall be responsible to provide the Board of Directors and the Membership with a Financial Report on an annual basis.

## **SECTION 15 – DOCUMENTATION OF ANIMAL PERFORMANCE**

### **15.1 Documentation of Animal Performance**

15.1.1 The documentation of performance cannot interfere or impede the documentation of genetics. Performance recording is to be encouraged by the Association, however it is voluntary.

## **SECTION 16 – ADMINISTRATOR**

### **16.1 Duties**

16.1.1 To work in cooperation with the Board of Directors and the General Membership.

16.1.2 To maintain the official office of Murray Grey International, Inc.

16.1.3 To work in cooperation with the Registrar. The Administrator is the only person that may direct the registrar to make changes to the registration and membership process, on behalf of the Board of Directors.

### **16.2 Finances and Reports**

16.2.1 To manage the finances of MGI and to provide Financial Reports to the Board of directors on an annual basis within 30 days of the end of the calendar year.

16.2.2 To report membership and registration status to the Board of directors on an annual basis.

### **16.3 Office Expenses**

16.3.1 The Association is responsible for the reimbursement of office supplies to the Administrator. The Administrator must submit an itemized claim bi-annually, covering the previous six months, for these expenses.

## **SECTION 17 – REGISTRATIONS**

### **17.1 Identification and Registration of Tattoo Letters**

17.1.1 A breeder must apply to the Registrar for, and be allocated, tattoo identification letters for his exclusive use.

17.1.2 All animals must be identified with tattoo markings in the ear(s), with the registered tattoo identification letters of the owner of the animal at birth and a serial number followed by a designated year letter to signify the year

of birth. The letter 'K' will signify the animal was born in the year 2000, 'L' 2001, 'M' 2002, 'N' 2003, 'P' 2004, 'R' 2005, 'S' 2006, etc. The letters 'I', 'O', 'Q' and 'V' will not be used as designated year letters.

17.1.3 All tattoo markings must be included in the application for registration specifying location.

17.1.4 All calves must be identified, (by tagging, or tattoo, or unique brand, or microchip, etc.), at birth, and by tattoo markings before applying for registration. No two animals may be tattooed with the same identification.

## **17.2 Registration of Prefixes and Naming of Animals**

17.2.1 A member may register a Prefix for his use in naming animals owned by him at birth. This Prefix shall not be used by any other partnership or corporate body in naming animals for registration. The Prefix may be the same as the tattoo identification letters.

17.2.2 A herd owner from another association and registry, may register their Prefix (herd name) with MGI, for Prefix protection, upon written request and payment of the prescribed registration fee. The herd owner need not be a member of MGI.

17.2.3 A registered Prefix may be used by a son or daughter who is part of the breeding operation, provided written consent is on file with the Registrar.

17.2.4 Partnerships or Companies must have their own herd prefix.

17.2.5 Names of animals must not be duplicated.

17.2.6 Names are restricted to 30 letters including spaces and any numeral affix.

17.2.7 Animals from other registries will be registered in the MGI herd book with the same name as the original certificate of registration.

17.2.8 A name may be changed provided there are no registered offspring. A new application for registration must be completed and signed by the owner at birth, then presented to the Registrar along with the original certificate and the required fee.

## **17.3 Rules of Registration – Eligibility**

17.3.1 Any animal whose sire and dam are registered in the MGI Herd Book.

17.3.2 An animal that is duly registered with another Herd Book and that Herd Book is considered eligible by the MGI Board of Directors.

17.3.3 Animals that are sired by bulls that are duly registered in another Herd Book. If the animal is the result of an A.I. mating, then the sire must have a DNA report on file with the Registrar of the other Herd Book.

17.3.4 Animals from dams that are duly registered in another Herd Book.

17.3.5 The breed of a foundation female used in an upgrading program must be identified and recorded on the certificate.

17.3.6 An animal must be polled. No horns or scurs are permitted.

17.3.7 Only registered Purebred or Fullblood sires can be used in any part of an upgrading program to Purebred or Fullblood status.

17.3.8 All animals must be first registered before they reach 3 years of age.

- 17.3.9 Calves conceived by Artificial Insemination will be registered on the same terms as calves from natural meetings providing the AI sire has a DNA report available.
- 17.3.10 Embryo Transfer calves will be registered on the same terms as calves from natural meetings, with the additional requirement that the calf, donor dam and servicing sire must have DNA reports on file with the Registrar. The calf is to be Parentage Verified.
- 17.3.11 DNA Parentage Verification will be required on every 500<sup>th</sup> animal registered. MGI will pay the cost of the lab tests. The Breeder will be responsible for the costs of obtaining the genetic material and providing it to the lab. In the case where the 500<sup>th</sup> animal is an import to the MGI Herd Book, then the next available animal will be tested. If the designated animal is unable to fulfill the parentage requirements for any reason, then the animal will be ineligible for registration. The next available animal then becomes the spot test animal.

17.3.12 **ANIMAL CLASSIFICATIONS**

- 17.3.12.1 A Purebred Murray Grey is an animal that is registered as a Purebred by any other Murray Grey herd book that is recognized by MGI, provided the animal meets the requirements of section 17.3.12.3
- 17.3.12.2 A Purebred Murray Grey animal is an animal that is the result of the mating of 2 Purebred animals.
- 17.3.12.3 A Purebred Murray Grey is an animal that has reached 7/8 purity for females and 15/16 purity for males.
- 17.3.12.4 All Purebreds are considered to be 100% Murray Grey for the purposes of calculations.
- 17.3.12.5 Recorded animals are defined into 3 categories: 50% or 1/2, 75% or 3/4, and 87.5% or 7/8.
- 17.3.12.6 Only Purebred or Fullblood sires can be used in upgrading to Purebred status.
- 17.3.12.7 Until Purebred status is reached the percentage Murray Grey of an animal is calculated by: one half the sum of the percentages of the sire and dam, rounded down to the nearest category defined in 17.3.12.5
- 17.3.12.8 A Fullblood designation will be provided to those animals that have 5 full generations of Purebred predecessors. All 5 generations must be on file with the Registrar.
- 17.3.12.9 MGI members may provide 5 generations of ancestry to the Registrar to justify Fullblood status for animals being transferred in from other Herd Books.
- 17.3.12.10 Any queries or disputes may be forwarded to the Board of Directors for a decision.

17.3.12.11 **CLASSIFICATION TABLE**

<b>SIRE</b>	<b>DAM</b>	<b>Progeny Registered as</b>
Purebred or Fullblood	Purebred or Fullblood $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ Foundation (breed specified)	Purebred or Fullblood Purebred female, 7/8 male $\frac{3}{4}$ recorded $\frac{1}{2}$ recorded
Recorded 7/8	Purebred or Fullblood $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ Foundation	$\frac{3}{4}$ recorded female/ 7/8 recorded male $\frac{3}{4}$ recorded $\frac{1}{2}$ recorded not eligible
Recorded $\frac{3}{4}$	Purebred or Fullblood $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ Foundation	$\frac{3}{4}$ recorded $\frac{3}{4}$ recorded $\frac{1}{2}$ recorded not eligible
Recorded $\frac{1}{2}$	Purebred or Fullblood $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ Foundation	$\frac{1}{2}$ recorded $\frac{1}{2}$ recorded $\frac{1}{2}$ recorded not eligible

17.3.13 Any animal that has been bloodtyped prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> 2000, will be accepted as meeting the DNA report requirements of MGI.

**17.4 Certificates of Registration**

17.4.1 The Registrar will provide a Certificate for all living animals that meet the requirements of MGI. The certificate will be such a form as decided by the Board of Directors of MGI.

17.4.2 The Board of Directors shall have the final say in any decision regarding pedigree disputes.

17.4.3 The Certificate will contain the following compulsory information:

- i) Registered Name of the animal, not to exceed 30 letters including spaces .
- ii) The Registration Number, which includes the following:
  - a) FB prefix to signify Fullblood status  
Or PB prefix to signify Purebred status  
Or %R prefix to signify Recorded status
  - b) The MGI Herd Book designator - [USB]
  - c) The sequential number for Herd Book entry as assigned by the Registrar.

- d) A three country character code to signify the country of birth:

CAN for Canada  
USA for United States of America  
AUS for Australia  
NZZ for New Zealand  
GBR for United Kingdom  
(other country codes to be added as required)

example: FB-[USB]430-CAN

- iii) The sex of the animal. ( Male or Female)
- iv) The status of the animal. (Fullblood, Purebred or Recorded). For recorded animals the percentage will also be noted (e.g. 50%, 75% or 87.5%).
- v) If the animal was a natural twin or triplet
- vi) An 'AI' designation for an animal sired by Artificial Insemination.
- vii) An 'ET' designation for an animal that is the result of an Embryo Transfer.
- viii) Pedigree information showing three generations: Parents, Grandparents and Great Grandparents.
- ix) The Breeder of the animal. The Breeder is defined as the registered owner or lessee of the Dam at the time she was serviced to produce the animal.
- x) The Owner of the animal. The first Owner is the owner or lessee of the Dam at the time of the animal's birth.
- xi) The breeding service of any female that is transferred to a new owner.

17.4.4 The following optional information may be included if provided to the Registrar:

- i) Weight at birth. Taken within 24 hours of birth.
- ii) Actual weaning weight and date taken.
- iii) (an adjusted 200 day weight will be calculated by the Registrar)
- iv) Actual yearling weight and date taken
- v) (an adjusted 365 day weight will be calculated by the Registrar)
- vi) Performance Data EPDs. The Registrar must be provided the EPD report from a recognized Performance Recording Organization. The EPDs will include the source and the date.



## **17.5 Applications for Certificates**

### **17.5.1 Applications for Certificates for animals not Registered in any other Murray Grey Herd Book**

- 17.5.1.1 Will be made to the Registrar on forms supplied by them, with all required blank spaces completed and signed by the owner of the animal at the time of birth and by the owner of the sire at the time the dam was serviced to produce this animal. If the Sire and/or Dam are not in the MGI Herd Book, then the application must include a copy of the Sire and/or Dam certificate from the Herd book they are registered in. This includes AI sired animals and Embryo Transfer progeny.
- 17.5.1.2 Animals with the Sire and Dam registered in the MGI Herd Book may apply for registration via an Electronic Registration Form. A signature is not required, however a Credit card number must be on file with the Registrar, or a prepaid account must be established to use this service. Normal fees apply including the Service Fee.
- 17.5.1.3 In the case of an artificially sired animal, the applicant will include a breeding receipt signed by the inseminator and stating the date of service, cow identification, sire name, registration number, and the semen batch number or freezing date.

### **17.5.2 Applications for Certificates for Animals that are Registered in other Murray Grey Herd Books**

- 17.5.2.1 Will be made to the Registrar, as above (17.5.1.1) and will include a copy of the original Certificate from the issuing Registrar. Only the owner as stated on the original certificate can apply for registration.
- 17.5.2.2 The owner as stated on the registration Certificate can register A.I. sires in the MGI Herd Book. This owner must become a member of MGI to perform this registration. The application for registration must state the bull is an AI Sire and be accompanied by a copy of the original Registration Certificate and a DNA report.
- 17.5.2.3 The owner as stated on the Registration Certificate can register Embryo Transfer Donor Dams in the MGI Herd Book. This owner must be a member of MGI to perform this registration. The application for registration must state that the female is a Donor Dam and be accompanied by a copy of the original registration certificate and a DNA report.

## **17.6 Transfers and Duplicate Certificates**

- 17.6.1 Applications for a change of ownership will be made to the Registrar, using the approved form and will include the original certificate, except in the case of the transfer being completed at the time of initial registration.

- 17.6.2 A female that is sold bred must have the service sire certificate signed by the owner/representative of the servicing sire, or the appropriate AI service receipt. If the service sire is not registered in the MGI Herd Book, then a copy of the registration certificate is required.
- 17.6.3 It is the responsibility of the seller to verify and confirm that the tattoo identification is legible and matches the certificate.
- 17.6.4 It is the responsibility of the seller to provide the Certificate to the purchaser after duly transferring ownership to the purchaser.
- 17.6.5 When an animal is sold for slaughter, the transfer will not be recorded. However the seller will make a notation on the face of the Certificate stating that the animal was sold for slaughter and the date. Similarly, Certificates for dead animals should be so marked.
- 17.6.6 When an animal is sold into a commercial herd without the registration Certificate, then the transfer will not be recorded. However, the seller will make a notation on the face of the Certificate stating the animal was sold for use in a commercial herd and the date.
- 17.6.7 When an animal is leased for breeding purposes, an application for lease supplied by the Registrar must be completed and signed by the lessor and forwarded to the Registrar. The terms of the agreement shall be fully disclosed on the application. The lessee will in all cases be considered the owner of the progeny of leased females.
- 17.6.8 Where a Certificate is lost, destroyed or unobtainable, a duplicate Certificate may be issued by the Registrar upon receipt of a statutory declaration from the last recorded owner, and payment of the prescribed fees.