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Members should expect that it is incumbent on each and every person elected to the Council of Management to make themselves aware of the Articles of Association & Rules and be competent to act on behalf of all Members within legal parameters.

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RULE 1 DEFINITION OF PUREBRED SIMMENTAL BREED STANDARDS

WORLD SIMMENTAL – BREED STANDARD 04

Today the Simmental Breed is present on all continents and with 41 million animals is the second largest breed in the world.

1.1 ORIGIN:

The breed, which is today called Simmental Fleckvieh has its origin in the Simmen Valley in Switzerland. In the middle of the 18th century the first bulls were exported from the Simmental to central Europe and the breed Fleckvieh was developed from crossbreeding with existing indigenous breeds. In the last decade of the last century and first decades of this century the breed was utilised for milk, beef and draught purposes in Europe and for extensive beef production in Namibia and South Africa. In the late sixties and during the decade between 1970 and 1980 the breed, which had been changed to a dual-purpose breed for milk and beef, established itself on all the continents. The old name Fleckvieh, current in Europe, was internationally changed to Simmental to make clear the origin of the breed. The breed is still bred as a milk-beef dual-purpose breed in central European countries. In the Americas, Australasia, certain European Simmental countries and Africa the breed is mainly used for beef production. Simmental cattle have proved very successful in crossbreeding with beef breeds to improve growth and milk performance. This results in improved growth, more muscling and market acceptance. Simmentals, when used in crossbreeding on dairy breeds improve the muscularity and beefing quality. Simmental is of special significance when used for crossbreeding with different breeds best adapted to extreme environmental conditions, such as Zebu and Brahman. The excellent suitability for extensive ranch and suckler herds has further enhanced the spread of the breed. Good mothering ability and excellent temperament are important characteristics of the breed.

1.2 BASIC COLOURS:

The basic colours of the Simmental breed are light to dark yellow and red to dark red.

1.3 DISTRIBUTION OF THE COLOURS:

The distribution of colour may be: most of the body being of one colour, pie bald, spotted or speckled.

1.4 COLOUR OF THE HEAD:

The head should be white or with at least a white spot or blaze on the forehead. In certain countries adequate eyelid pigmentation or eye spectacles are of economic importance. The muzzle is cream to pink and may have small grey brown pigmented spots.

1.5 BREED STANDARDS TYPE:

	Simmental type	
	emphasis on milk	emphasis on beef
a) average body weight [kg]		
fully grown bulls	1100 – 1300	1200 – 1400
fully grown cows	600 - 800	700 - 900
b) average height at withers [cm]		
fully grown bulls	152 – 165	150 – 160
fully grown cows	138 – 146	140 – 150
c) daily gains [g] for commercial bull fattening up to 650 kg		1250 - 1600

1.6 PARTS OF THE BODY:

The **skin** medium-thick, supple and can easily be lifted up over the ribs.

The **hair** is short, strong and shiny.

The **head** is medium long and medium to broad with a slight dish between the eyes. The head of the bull is shorter and wider, the head of the cow finer.

The **eyes** are large with large flexible eyelid. Eyebrows are prominent with flexible, thick, wrinkled skin around the eyes.

The **nose** is large and oval and the muzzle is broad with large, strong incisors fitting well against the pad.

The **neck** is strong, medium long and well set into head and shoulders.

Withers are broad, well rounded with well developed muscles and long, slightly slanting, muscular shoulder tightly connected to the body.

The **chest** is long, broad and sufficiently deep.

The **ribs** are broad and long with a round arch.

The **back** is long, broad and tight.

The **loins** are broad and well muscled.

The **belly** is roomy with a relatively deep flank.

The **pelvic area** is long and wide and slightly sloping.

The **tail head** is fairly strongly developed.

The **thigh** is muscular on the inside and outside.

Feet and legs are medium strong, and correct in stance and gait.

The **hocks** are wide, with correct angle and well-defined hamstring.

The **front stance** is correct. A line can be drawn from the middle of the shoulder joint through the middle of the carpal joint and the cleft of the hooves.

The **pastern** are relatively short and tight.

The **hooves** are hard, uniform, oval and closed.

The **udder** is closely attached to the belly reaching well forwards and backwards.

Testicles are firm, of equal size, well-developed with short seminal cord.

1.7 DISPOSITION

Simmental cattle are of quiet temperament, healthy, hardy and show an excellent adaptability to the different geographical and climatic conditions.

Easy calving, regular fertility and a long productive life are, besides the high performance potential for milk and beef, the basis for efficient production.

There are polled lines in the Simmental breed, which are further developed in breeding.

1.8 ELIMINATING FACTORS

Any characteristics obviously contrary to the breed standard.

Any obvious malformation or deviation.

RULE 2

THE BRITISH SIMMENTAL CATTLE SOCIETY HERDBOOK

- 2.1** The BSCS Herd Book and any registers supplementary thereto shall include particulars of the pedigrees of Simmental cattle eligible to be entered therein, and such other information as the Council may from time to time decide.
- 2.2** The Society will not accept an entry tendered for registration in the BSCS Herd Book by a person who is not a full/life financial member of the Society i.e. all subscriptions have been paid in full.
- 2.2a** Registration, importation or transfer of animals not domiciled in the UK will not be eligible for inclusion in the BSCS Herd Book except as per those animals as set out to Rule 4.2.
- 2.3** A Member of the Society shall be entitled to tender for registration in the BSCS Herd Book, under and subject to the conditions contained in these Rules.
- 2.4** The entry of every animal must be tendered for registration by the breeder of such animal except (i) in the case of a foundation animal for Base Female of the supplementary register, or as the Council shall otherwise permit and (ii) in the case of an animal imported to the United Kingdom by a Member.
- 2.5** In the last preceding paragraph the breeder of an animal means a member of the Society who, at the time such animal is born, is the bona fide owner of the dam of such animal, either alone or jointly with any partner or partners or other person or persons.
- 2.6** It shall be the duty of every member of the Society to give information in writing to the Council without delay of every case of alleged misrepresentation or inaccuracy in the particulars furnished by any Member or other person with reference to the pedigree or identity of any animal, or the entry of any animal in the BSCS Herd Book, or to the notification of the birth of any animal, which shall come to his knowledge, and to assist the Council by every means in his power to investigate every such case.
- 2.7** The furnishing of false or inaccurate particulars with reference to the pedigree or identity of any animal in the BSCS Herd Book, or any register supplementary thereto, or to the notification of the birth of any animal, or to the exhibition, sale or transfer of any animal, or any misrepresentation or gross carelessness in furnishing or keeping Herd Book particulars, shall be considered as conduct derogatory to the character and prejudicial to the interests of the Society under the Society's Articles of Association and Rules.

The use of performance enhancing drugs, stimulants or tranquillisers on any animal, by any Member or their authorised representative, shall be considered as conduct derogatory to the character and prejudicial to the interests of the Society under the Articles of Association and Society Rules.

Members displaying dissent or conduct deemed to be derogatory to the name of The British Simmental Cattle Society at shows, sales, inspections or other related event, may be referred to the Society's disciplinary procedure as outlined in Rule 16.

- 2.8** The Society shall be entitled, either before or after the entry of any animal in the BSCS Herd Book, to make such enquiries or investigations with respect to the animal (including the inspection by any of its officers or agents of the animal, the animals parents or progeny, or any records maintained by Members) as the Council shall consider reasonable in the interests of the Members of the Society, with the object of ensuring the accuracy of the BSCS Herd Book and entries therein.
- 2.9** The Society reserves the right to suspend or attach special conditions to the registration or transfer requests from a Member or Members whose conduct is being considered under the Society's Articles of Association and the disciplinary procedures.
- 2.10** The acts and omissions of any person or persons who own animals jointly with any Member of the Society shall for all purposes of these Rules and the Articles of Association of the Society be treated as the acts and omissions of such Members.
- 2.11** The entry of any animal in the BSCS Herd Book shall be in the absolute discretion of the Council.

RULE 3

BIRTH NOTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

- 3.1** To be eligible for entry in the BSCS Herd Book or any registers supplementary thereto, except by means of Base Female of the Supplementary Register, an animal must be born of parents whose entries are already registered in a recognised Simmental Herd Book affiliated to either the World Federation or Simmental Fleckvieh Federation. Animals born of parents whose entries are registered in any other or rival Simmental Herd Book issued in the United Kingdom will not be eligible for entry in the Herd Book. Imported cattle, embryos and semen must have an export Pedigree Certificate from the Herd Book of the country of origin. Members importing cattle are responsible for providing all the correct documentation as stipulated in Rule 4.2.
- 3.2** The fact of an animal being a twin or otherwise one of a multiple birth shall be notified to the Society on a birth registration/notification document or Cattle Log via the Tel-Reg system or via the On-Line registration system by stating the sex of the other twin or other calves, and which shall be mentioned in the BSCS Herd Book against the registration entry of such animal.
- 3.3** The birth of every calf whose entry is desired to be registered in the BSCS Herd Book shall be notified to the Society by post, on a registration/notification document or Cattle Log via the Tel-Reg system or via the On-Line registration system, by the breeder or his representative no later than 27 days after birth and accompanied by the relevant fee as set out in Appendix A. These entries shall include statements as to the sex, date of birth, name of animal, name and Herd Book numbers of parents, UK eartag number, birth weight of each calf if weighed, calving ease/difficulty, whether it is naturally polled or not, service detail or AI date. The current year letter will apply to all bull calves.
- 3.4** A calf whose birth has not been notified to the Society within the 27 day ruling as in hereinbefore required by Para 3.3 of the Rule may, if otherwise eligible, still be registered in the Herd Book or registers supplementary thereto, if the birth is notified to the Society in the manner hereinbefore provided by paragraph 3.3 within twelve months of it's birth. The registration of such animal/s will be subject to the late registration pricing matrix set out in Appendix B. Registrations for cattle over twelve months old will only be accepted subject to a parentage test by DNA. The Cost for cattle registrations over twelve months is set out in Appendix B.
- 3.5** All members registering calves must either submit the relevant fee currently determined by the Council, along with the completed birth registration/notification documents to the Society or, if using the Cattle Log Tel-reg system or the On-Line registration system, pay by direct debit. The only exception to this rule is in the case of a free martin, where the registration will be held for up to three years to determine whether the animal is capable of breeding. A registration fee as determined by the Council will be charged at the time of registration of a Freemartin.
- 3.6** On the entry of an animal in the BSCS Herd Book or any registers supplementary thereto, the Society shall issue to the Member registering such animal a pedigree certificate containing all the information about that said animal and set out in precisely that style and format as shall currently be approved by the Council.
- 3.7** Export pedigree certificates, including a minimum of three-generation status, will be issued in respect of cattle registered and paid up in accordance with paragraph 3.3 above, on demand to the Society,

accompanied by the Export Pedigree Certificate fee currently determined by the Council. The Society shall not issue any Export Certificate until the Society fee thus determined has been received. The level of this fee currently determined by the Council is set out in Appendix A of these Rules.

- 3.8** Any Member may withdraw the registration of any animal of which he is the bona fide owner and instruct the Society to accept no further registrations from the named animal. Pedigree refunds are not available. Any animal that has been withdrawn in accordance with the above will not be eligible for re-registration.
- 3.9** Breeders may enter bulls in the Semen Royalty Scheme and specify royalties payable to them on registration of progeny in the BSCS Herd Book under the terms and conditions determined by the Council, from time to time and that are available from the Society upon request. (See Rule 9).
- 3.10** The birth of a Base female calf may be registered up to 12 months of age (at any time), for the basic fee determined from time to time by the Council and currently set out in Appendix A of these Rules.
- 3.11** All pedigree Simmentals must be tagged in accordance with the Ministry requirements.
- 3.12** Animals born prior to 1998 which have illegible tattoos may prior to approval from the Ministry then be tagged with an approved ministry tag UK number and this number must be notified to the Society for recording onto the pedigree certificate.
- 3.13** **DNA TYPING OF STATED SIRES WHEN SELLING FEMALES IN CALF**

As from 1st October 2008 it will be the Vendor's responsibility to have a Sire DNA typed if the vendor is selling Females in-calf to a stated sire. If the Sire is no longer available and has not been DNA typed it is the **Vendor's responsibility** to explain this to the potential purchaser before the sale is agreed. (This rule applies to Society official sales and private sales).

To clarify: if a Sire is not DNA typed the Society cannot register his progeny. To obtain a sire profile without the sire, 5 progeny and their dams have to be DNA typed, this is 10 DNA profiles at a cost as set out in appendix A. The purchaser must be made aware by the Vendor of the potential registration problems and costs.

RULE 4

BRITISH PEDIGREE AND GRADING UP REGISTER

Grading-up Scheme conforming to EC Commission Directive 84/419

4.1 INTRODUCTION

European Community Regulations require recognised Breed Societies in member States to operate a three-generation grading-up programme, from females conforming to breed type, leading up to admission to the full pedigree register.

A base cow will need to be at least 75% Simmental to conform to breed standards. If a graded up animal is over the age of 12 months it has to be recorded as a "B" grade. A "C" grade female must be under 12 months of age and be sired by a fully registered animal that has been DNA profiled.

Members who wish to record the breeding details of base cows may do so in the Base Cow Register and these base females may enter the Grading-Up Register subject to inspection by a Society approved Inspector and payment of the normal Inspection and graded registration fees as set out in Appendix A of these rules.

Only heifer calves sired by a registered full Simmental bull are eligible for recording in the grades of C, D & F.

For the purposes of the British pedigree and Grading-Up Registers all percentages will be whole numbers. Therefore, .49 and below will be rounded down and .5 and above will be rounded up. For example: an animal, semen or an embryo with a percentage of 87.5 would be rounded up to 88.

NB: The highest percentage figures any animal in the British Pedigree and grading-up register or the Polled register will be awarded is 99%.

4.2 IMPORTS

Rules & Procedure For Importation Of A Live Animal Or Genetic Material

CATEGORIES OF GENETIC MATERIAL

A LIVE ANIMALS

Live Simmental cattle from EU countries registered as purebred with an approved EU Breed Society may be registered in the imported registers of the British Simmental Cattle Society Ltd in accordance with EU directive 87/328 and will be subject to the following regulations. Live Simmental cattle from non-EU countries must have pedigree proof of a least 31/32 SM blood, **i.e. Full Blood.**

NB: Members Importing Live Cattle, Semen and or Embryos are responsible for providing all the correct documentation as stipulated in this rule.

IMPORTED BULLS

1. A minimum of a three generation pedigree certificate of the bull and a DNA certificate of the bull must be lodged with the Society. For animals imported from the Republic of Ireland, we require an Export Certificate obtained from the Irish Simmental Society, which contains four generations. The person importing the bull must be a full member of the Society.

N.B. This also applies to AI and semen selling organisations.

2. The bull must be retained within the herd of importation for a minimum of two years.
3. The Society charges for importation of a live bull shall apply as set out in Appendix A.
4. Once the bull is imported, the member can sell semen.
5. The bull can be syndicated.
6. All live animals must be registered in the BSCS Herd Book within two months of the animal arriving into the Country of Import, a copy of the importation certificate is required by the Society before transfer can take place.

B IMPORTED SEMEN

1. A minimum of a three generation pedigree certificate of the bull must be lodged with the Society, with the exception of the Republic of Ireland.

For animals imported from the Republic of Ireland, we require an Export Certificate obtained from the Irish Simmental Society that contains four generations.

2. The DNA type of the bull must be lodged with the Society.
3. The person importing the semen must be a full member of the Society and is responsible for registering the bull with the Society.

NB: Calves from imported semen cannot be registered unless the Sire is registered in The BSCS Herd Book. The onus is on the first member, who wishes to register a calf sired by the said bull, to pay the fee to register the sire in the BSCS Herd Book as set out in Appendix A to these Rules. The Society also requires:

- (a) A copy of the sire's pedigree certificate.
- (b) A copy of the sire's DNA type certificate.
- (c) The relevant AI certificate from the country of origin.

C **IMPORTED EMBRYOS**

1. A minimum of a three generation pedigree certificate of the Sire & Dam must be lodged with the Society, with the exception of the Republic of Ireland.
2. For animals imported from the Republic of Ireland we require an Export Certificate (for both the sire and dam) obtained from the Irish Simmental Society, which contains four generations.
3. The DNA type of **BOTH SIRE** and **DONOR DAM** must be lodged with the Society.
4. The sire and dam must be **FULL BLOOD**.
5. The first person registering the resultant calf must register the sire and dam in the BSCS Herd Book.

D **IMPORTED FEMALES**

1. All Imported Females must have a Pedigree Certificate from the country of origin. If a DNA certificate is available a copy of this is required by the Society, but is not compulsory for females to have a DNA certificate.

IN ADDITION:-

When a female is imported in-calf to a sire who is not registered in the BSCS Herd Book, the onus is on the first member, who wishes to register a calf sired by the bull, to pay the fee to register the sire in the BSCS Herd Book (the same as for live animals). The Society also requires:

- (d) A copy of the sire's pedigree certificate.
- (e) A copy of the sire's DNA type certificate.
- (f) The relevant AI certificate from the country of origin.

4.3 **BRITISH PEDIGREE REGISTER**

A bull or a female calf attaining a percentage of 97% or over will attain the status of a British Pedigree Simmental.

4.4 **INSPECTION AND QUALIFICATION FOR PEDIGREE STATUS**

The responsibility for achieving Simmental standards of conformation and colour in British Pedigree animals for admission to the full pedigree register rests absolutely on the breeder.

4.5 **ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION**

Rule 3.11 applies same.

4.6 **REGISTRATION**

Birth registration/notification is to be made using the approved documentation provided by the Society, via the Post, Tel-reg system or the On-Line registration system **and must be received by the BSCS no later than 27 days after the birth took place.**

RULE 5

POLLED CATTLE REGISTER RULES

5.1 **INTRODUCTION**

The British Polled Simmental forms part of the British Pedigree and Grading-Up Register.

- 5.2 All animals with polled genes, whether polled, or Homozygous Polled, will be entered in the BSCS Herd Book. At the time of declaring the status of an animal the appropriate polled status will be applied to the animal's pedigree certificate. Homozygous Polled status can only be put on the pedigree certificate once it is proven by DNA testing that the animal is Homozygous Polled (unless both parents are already DNA proven Homozygous polled).

Any attempt to dehorn scurs will reduce the status of an animal to dehorned. Scurs may be removed for health reasons only once status has been confirmed by a vet, and notified to the society.

5.3 SALES

All cattle with polled genetics entered at Sales shall be clearly labelled in the sale catalogue with their polled status at the time of entry.

RULE 7 FERTILISE OVUM TRANSPLANT

7.1 INTRODUCTION

Cattle born as a result of a fertilised ovum shall be eligible for registration in the BSCS Herd Book or supplementary registers of the Society, subject to any statutory regulations promulgated by the Ministers of Agriculture and any conditions agreed between the Council and the National Beef Association.

The technique of FOT is now well established and, properly used, does present a tool for genuine breed improvement. The selection of a cow for FOT is a breeder's own choice and his decision can have far reaching effects, not only in his own herd, but also in the National Herd as a whole. It is imperative, therefore, that breeders using FOT employ the very highest of standards in their selection criteria and maintain at all times the Simmental standards of excellence.

7.2 GENERAL

No calf born by FOT will be registered in the BSCS Herd Book unless all the conditions stated in these regulations have been fully satisfied.

7.3 BASIC QUALIFICATION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONOR COW

The donor cow is a Simmental cow registered in the BSCS Herd Book.

- 1) All donor females must be DNA profiled by a recognised Agency, approved by the Society.
- 2) Imported Simmental cows may be used for embryo transfer, and provided that they were registered in the Herd Book of the country of origin.

7.4 BASIC QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE USE OF A SIRE FOR FOT

The Sire to be a Simmental bull which has been:

- 1) Registered in the BSCS Herd Book.
- 2) DNA profiled, by an Agency that has been recommended or approved by the Society.
- 3) Imported semen from a Simmental bull registered in the country of origin and DNA profiled by a recognised Agency, as recommended or approved by the Society. Imported semen must meet the percentage requirements of each register in the herd book as defined in these Rules.

7.5 SEMEN COCKTAILS

Where a breeder chooses more than one service sire for a single flushing, the sire must be identified by DNA profiling carried out by a recognised Agency as recommended or approved by the Society.

7.6 THE RECIPIENT DAM

The recipient dam is always to be identified with a tag and the identification must be recorded in the BSCS FOT documentation mentioned below.

7.7 PROCEDURES FOR EMBRYO REGISTRATION

Each embryo, which is either frozen or implanted, is to be registered with the BSCS by the Embryo Transplant (E.T.) Unit on behalf of the owner of the dam by the submission of the following:

- 1) An Embryo Registration Form (ET1) completed and signed by the veterinary Officer who carried out the flushing.
- 2) A relevant A.I. Certificate or signed Certificate of Service
- 3) If using a semen cocktail, a copy of the written confirmation form from a recognised agent as recommended or approved by the Society stating that the sire of any resulting calves can be identified must be sent to the BSCS with the Embryo Registration Form (ET1).

The Embryo Registration Form (ET1) is to arrive at the registered office of the BSCS within 28 days of the embryo(s) being flushed.

A copy of the Embryo Registration Form is to be retained by the owner of the donor dam (the Breeder's copy) until submitted to the BSCS when the resultant calf is registered. A further copy of the Embryo Registration Form is to be retained for record purposes by the E.T. Unit that carried out the flushing (the E.T. Unit's copy).

7.8 PROCEDURES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF AN FOT CALF

Registration of an FOT calf will be accepted by the BSCS upon receipt of the following four documents:

- 1) The Breeder's copy of the Embryo Registration Form (ET1).
- 2) A completed Birth Registration form or registration can be by Tel-Reg or On-line.
- 3) A DNA sample of both the Sire and Donor Dam
- 4) The relevant registration fee payable as set out in Appendix A as to these Rules
- 5) All embryo calves must be DNA sire verified

7.9 TIME LIMITS

The registration documents for FOT calves are to be received at the registered office of the BSCS as per normal registration policy, maximum 27 days after birth.

7.10 REPORTING CHANGES OF CIRCUMSTANCES

The BSCS is to be informed of the following changes of circumstances as soon as these occur:

- 1) In the case of a Frozen Embryo – Transfer of Ownership; Embryo thawed and implanted.
- 2) In the case of the recipient dam, transfer of ownership or destruction.
- 3) In the case of an FOT calf, loss of calf if this occurs at any time prior to Registration. (These details are required for record purposes only)

Changes of circumstance are to be notified to the Society immediately on an ET2 Amendment Form quoting the serial number from the original ET1 form, along with breeder's name and full identity of the donor cow concerned.

7.11 EXPORT OF EMBRYOS

International regulations require that when an embryo is exported it be accompanied by an Export Certificate issued by the Herd Book Society. In the case of exports from the UK an Export Certificate will only be issued for an embryo, which has been registered with the BSCS.

The fee for the issue of an Export Certificate is noted in Appendix A. If the sire of an exported embryo is registered on a Semen Royalty Scheme, a fee of 30% of the Royalty fee must be paid to the Society and received in the office before the embryo export certificate will be issued.

7.12 IMPORTATION OF EMBRYOS

An imported frozen embryo may be registered with the BSCS on submission of the following:

- 1) An authorised Export Certificate issued by the Herd Book of the exporting country.
- 2) DNA profiles, by an Agency that has been recommended or approved by the Society.
- 3) A completed BSCS Embryo registration Form
- 4) The embryo Import fee is payable to the BSCS at the time the embryo is imported.

The BSCS will not register any imported frozen embryo, nor accept into the Herd Book the progeny resulting from any such importation, unless the requirements of this paragraph have been complied with, and all other Society and Ministry regulations applying to the importation of pedigree animals have been strictly adhered to. It is the member's responsibility to provide all the necessary documentation and information required to register an imported embryo calf. Registrations will not be accepted unless all the information is supplied in its entirety. Overage registration fees will apply if all the information is not received by the time the calf needs to be registered within 27 days of birth.

Thereafter the progeny resulting from an imported frozen embryo may be registered with the BSCS in accordance with the paragraphs above.

The Importation fee for an Embryo flush form is noted in Appendix A.

7.13 NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO EXPORT OR IMPORT AN EMBRYO

Prior application is to be made to the BSCS before any action is taken to export or import an embryo. Embryos must be fully registered with the Society so that an export certificate can be issued as and when required for the registration of the resultant calf (calves). The Export fees as set out in Appendix A to these Rules.

RULE 8

EXPORT AND IMPORT OF CATTLE

EXPORT OF ANIMALS

International regulations require that when an animal is exported an Export Certificate that has been issued by the Herd Book Society must accompany it. In the case of exports from the UK an Export certificate will only be issued for an animal that has been registered with the BSCS. The fee for the issue of an Export Certificate is noted in Appendix A.

RULE 9 SEMEN ROYALTY SCHEME

9.1 INTRODUCTION

Any full member of the BSCS who owns a registered Simmental bull is entitled to charge a stud fee for any semen from this bull, which is used in AI for pedigree breeding.

If membership of the Society lapses, any bulls previously entered on the scheme to that individual will be withdrawn from the scheme.

9.2 OUTLINE OF THE SCHEME

Birth registration/notification of any pedigree calf got by AI or natural service from a Semen Royalty Bull, can be made by submitting the recognised birth registration /notification form to the Society or using the Cattle Log via the Tel-reg system or the On-Line registration system. Only at the time of birth registration (not birth notification) must the person registering the said calf be required to pay the additional levy fee. By adding the levy amount to the cost of the registration fees and submitting a cheque to the Society if using the paper system; for those using the Tel-reg system or the On-Line system, the levy fee will be deducted by direct debit and invoiced accordingly.

Levy fees can be found in the Simmental Annual Review, on the British Simmental website www.britishsimmental.co.uk or by contacting the Society Headquarters.

9.3 ELIGIBILITY OF BULLS

All registered Simmental bulls, from which semen is available, are eligible for the scheme (and DNA profiled by an Agency that has been recommended or approved by the Society) except for any bull, which has a pedigree or commercial semen distributed prior to application for the Royalty Scheme.

9.4 ELIGIBILITY OF SEMEN

Imported semen from a Simmental bull registered in the country of origin and DNA profiled, as supplied by an Agency that has been recommended or approved by the Society will also be eligible for entry into the scheme.

9.5 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

An entry fee, an annual fee to maintain the levy (applicable to animals entered on scheme since February 1993) and an administration fee of 10% (plus VAT) of the levy per registration is to be paid for each bull entered to assist in covering the costs of administration, printing and advertising. At the same time, the owner of the bull is required to agree to abide by the rules of the Scheme as stated herein and to declare any changes to the price of Semen Royalty that he will be charging for his bull, in writing to the Society

9.6 SEMEN ROYALTIES

1. Semen Royalties, may only be claimed by the bona fide owner of a bull's pedigree semen rights. In relation to this Scheme, the term "bona fide owner" refers to: i) an individual who is a Full Member of the BSCS, or ii) a syndicate of which at least one component number is a Full member of the BSCS.
2. It is not possible under this Scheme for Semen Royalties to be claimed by or be paid to more than one "bona fide owner" at the same time. This means that, if ownership of a Semen Royalty Bull is to be transferred, the AI pedigree semen rights must either be retained in total by the vendor or transferred in total to the purchaser as at an agreed date of birth of the progeny. Where these semen rights are transferred to the purchaser, this must also include the right to claim Royalties on all Semen which has been sold prior to aforesaid transfer of the bull and resulting in births after the agreed date of transfer of rights.
3. Upon initial entry to the Scheme, a bull's Semen Royalty fee may be fixed at any level chosen by the owner of the semen rights, thereafter any changes to the Semen Royalty fees must be notified to the Society in writing and can be implemented at anytime.
4. Semen Royalties will be published by the BSCS in the Society's Annual Review and in other occasional Society publications & website. Additionally, details of the Scheme will be made known to all new Members upon joining the Society.

9.7 REGISTRATION OF SEMEN ROYALTY CALVES

The person registering the calf will be required to add the levy cost to the cost of registration fees. If a Breeder sells a cow in calf to a levy sire by natural service, it is the Breeder's responsibility to advise the Purchaser that a levy fee will be payable upon registration of the calf or advise the Society if there is to be an exception made.

9.8 FEMALES SOLD A.I.'d IN CALF TO A SEMEN ROYALTY BULL

When females are sold AI'd to a Semen Royalty Scheme Bull the purchaser shall be responsible for paying the Royalty levy fee for registration of the resulting animal and this must be declared by the vendor to purchaser at the time of sale. Any other arrangement must be notified to the Society in writing prior to the birth of the resultant calf.

RULE 10 DNA PROFILING AND BLOOD TYPING OF BULLS

All Simmental bulls used for pedigree breeding must be DNA profiled and a DNA profile certificate number must be lodged with the Society. Registrations from a sire which has not been DNA profiled will not be accepted.

In the case of bulls which have died or been slaughtered, for which semen is not in store, the Council of management may, in its absolute discretion, allow a derogation for registrations without a DNA type certificate or certificate number if parentage of resulting calves can be verified.

The Society reserves the right to request hair root follicles, blood or semen samples from any bull for DNA testing, at its absolute discretion.

The Society also reserves the right to request a DNA profile by a recognised Agency for any sire to be used in the Herd Book.

If the Sire is no longer available to be DNA typed, a profile must be obtained by taking samples from five of his calves and their Dam's. A minimum of five calves and their Dams must be DNA tested in order to register any of that Sire's progeny. Pedigree Certificates cannot be released until the minimum of five calves and their Dam's have been tested and the results received from the DNA Agency by the Society.

**RULE 11
HERD PREFIX AND ANIMAL NAMES**

- 11.1** Every paid up Member desiring to tender an animal for registration in the BSCS Herd Book or any registers supplementary thereto, shall first submit for registration a prefix to be approved by the Society and which shall be applicable to animals bred and tendered for birth registration/notification by that member either alone or jointly with any partner or partners or other person or persons. A Prefix shall consist of a word or words up to a maximum of 16 characters and the Member will pay a fee as from time to time determined by the Council and currently set out in Appendix A to these Rules before registration is effective in the Society's records. Except by special permission of the Council, a prefix that has already been used by a Member may not be used by another Member. When the herd is sold or discontinued, its prefix shall lapse (also note Rule 15.3.10 – Dispersal Sales). When a herd is taken over by a representative of the family of the previous owner of such herd, the Council may, in its absolute discretion, grant a request for the herd prefix to be continued. Every prefix is the absolute property of the Society .
- 11.2** In addition to the prefix each animal must have a name, which shall not be altered after being imported or registered in the BSCS Herd Book, or any registers supplementary thereto except under special circumstances as the Council may direct. Only one prefix may be used in the name of any animal. All names shall be short and subject to approval of the Council, and shall be limited to three words in all, including the prefix, together with the use of numerals if necessary. The name of every male animal must start with the year letter indicating the year of birth.

**RULE 12
SIRE, DAM AND SEMEN OWNERSHIP**

- 12.1** The Council may refuse to accept entries for registration in the BSCS Herd Book or any registers supplementary thereto, from any member who fails to observe or perform any of the previous registration ruling. The Council shall not sanction definite acceptance by the Society of a birth registration/notification document unless the dam of the calf concerned has been properly transferred to the breeder of that calf, as required by Rule 13.
- 12.2** Where the sire and dam of a calf were not in the same ownership at the time of service or insemination, a letter of service or insemination verifying this service or insemination must be submitted when the calf is tendered for registration, except where upon the sale or transfer of a bull, semen is retained by the vendor or transferor in private storage, i.e. other than at an approved place then the transfer certificate should be marked accordingly. An approved place shall be an Artificial Insemination Centre licensed for the purpose by the Ministry or Department of Agriculture.

**RULE 13
TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP**

Every member shall inform the Society of the private sale or transfer of any of his/hers registered cattle by completing a transfer of ownership form (available from the Society office) and or completing the transfer section on the reverse of the Pedigree certificate (available on Pedigree Certificates issued since 2006). In the case of an animal whose entry has been registered in the BSCS Herd Book or/and registers supplementary thereto, the vendor/transferor must forward the pedigree certificate to the Society for noting of the transfer and transmission to the purchaser/transferee and the transfer date. If a Pedigree Sire/semen is used on a Pedigree Herd, but owned by a non member/commercial farmer, a transfer fee is required by the first person to register a calf by that Sire as set out in Appendix A. No animal sold privately can be transferred into new ownership without a signed transfer of ownership form or pedigree certificate from the vendor.

- 13.1.1** A fee, as detailed in Appendix A, as set to these Rules will be payable to the BSCS by the purchaser for each animal requiring transfer. The following exceptions apply:

NB: Calves sold at foot which are six months of age and under at the time of sale are transferred free of charge.

If a calf has been purchased as a birth notification only and is over 6 months of age and the new purchaser requires transfer of the calf into their herd, a fee will be charged as set out in Appendix A.

Each year the Society will issue to every full member a census form listing details of all animals owned as recorded in the BSCS Herd Book. Members are compelled to update and return this list within the time period stipulated by the Society. The Society retains the right to suspend registration processing for any member who fails to return their updated census form within the published time limit, presently herd lists are issued every two years

- 13.2** The Council may at its absolute discretion, accept other evidence of change of ownership as may be considered satisfactory or required in order that the name of the bona fide owner may be noted in the records of the Society.
- 13.3** The Council reserves the right to refuse to recognise or accept any transfer, especially one made by a member whose conduct has been considered or is being considered under the Society's Articles of Association, and also has the right to refuse to register in the BSCS Herd Book or registers supplementary thereto or to tender for registration and transfer the progeny of such cattle after the date of expulsion or suspension as the Council may decide.
- 13.4** Where any Member of the Society who has been expelled from the Society or suspended from membership under the Articles of Association, is, at the time of such expulsion or suspension, an owner of registered cattle, the Council may at its discretion allow such member to transfer the cattle then registered in his name in the BSCS Herd Book or any registers supplementary thereto or tender for resignation and transfer the progeny of such cattle after the date of expulsion or suspension as the Council may decide.

RULE 14 HERD AND CALF INSPECTIONS

14.1 HERD INSPECTIONS

The Society reserves the right to carry out complete herd inspections, including taking of hair root follicles, blood or semen samples for testing, for the purposes of checking herd book records, at its absolute discretion. The Society has the right to go on farm and to have a Ministry tag inserted at the time of inspection.

14.2 CALF INSPECTIONS

The Society will make a random selection of calves registered in the BSCS Herd Book for possible inspection. Breeders of calves selected in this way will be contacted by the Society office.

The Society may then ask an inspector to visit the farm to inspect the calves and their dams: check herd book identity; passport identity; examine herd book records on farm; weigh record the calves and, if thought necessary, ask a member to DNA type animals to confirm parentage. As with the herd inspections, the Society has the right to go on farm and to have a Ministry tag inserted at the time of inspection.

PLEASE NOTE: Inspectors when carrying out a herd or calf inspection have the right to insist that the member insert Ministry double tags and weigh animals at the time of inspection. Any member refusing to insert the Ministry double tags or allowing them to be inserted or refusing or allowing to have the animal weighed will have the registration cancelled from the herd book. Representatives appointed by the Society will carry out inspections and where possible will be accompanied by a Society Council Member

RULE 15 SALES

- 15.1** Preliminary: the subjoined rules are prescribed for the use of members of the Society who may be desirous of adopting them and are applicable to sales of The British Simmental cattle by auction. They shall, in any case, be applicable to all collective sales held under the auspices of the Society and shall be applied and enforced by Auctioneers appointed by the Society to organise and conduct such sales.

Only full members of the Society are eligible to sell cattle at Official Society Sales and are bound by the rules governing these sales.

15.2 SALES COMMISSIONS

- 1) At official sales, which are classified as a production, reduction or dispersal sale the auctioneers will collect on behalf of the Society 1.5% of the total income of the registered cattle sold.
- 2) At official sales, which are classified as collective sales all animals will be sold in guineas. The Society may collect as a commission a percentage of the guinea as agreed with the appointed auctioneer prior to the sale.

15.3 AUCTION RULES

- 15.3.1** The advertisements and catalogues of sale shall state plainly that the sale is to be held under the British Simmental Cattle Society Auction Sale Rules and subject to recommended Conditions of Sale of the National Beef Association.

15.3.2 In all published particulars of female animals to be sold, the Auctioneers shall state the date of the last service in the catalogue of sale, or at the time of sale. In the event of a cow or heifer having been running with a bull, the date of both the commencement and the termination of the running period must be stated and in the event of a cow or heifer having been inseminated by two or more bulls, or by the same bull at different heat periods, the names of all such bulls and the dates of service or insemination must be given.

NB: If there is an interval of less than three weeks running period and an individual service or insemination by different bulls, Vendors must ensure that all bulls concerned are DNA profiled at the time of use so that, in the event of any question as to the identity of the sire of any calf being raised by a Purchaser after the sale, a DNA profile check can be arranged by the Society on the Purchaser's behalf, but at the expense of the Vendor, to prevent the necessity of cancellation or refusal of registration which otherwise might result. Arrangements for the DNA profiling of the bulls concerned should be made through the Society so that records can be kept of all details, both by the Society and the DNA Profiling Centre.

15.3.3 The minimum selling age for bulls entered in Official Collective Society Sales is 14 months. The maximum showing age is 2 years old.

15.3.4 An animal cannot be substituted into a collective sale after the catalogue for that sale has been printed.

15.3.5 Vendors whose animals have been officially weight-recorded by Breedplan will have the full range of EBV's and Society Index Information published in the catalogue of sale to the following criteria:

It will be necessary to birth weigh calves and have a scan and authenticated weight done around 400 days (300-500). For EBV figures to be published in Society sale catalogues and on display cards at the Society Sales.

Bulls born after 1st June 2008 will have to be scanned and calves born after 1st March 2009 will have to be weighed at birth (the official tape measure weight will be accepted). Additionally, an animal under one year of age will be eligible to have figures printed if it has any breedplan recorded weights.

Apart from the publication of Breedplan recorded data in the catalogue of sale, no other unofficial data may be given at the time of sale and Vendors are not permitted to display unofficial or non-authenticated data in the sale premises or on the lairage pens.

15.3.6 In all cases where a female has been flushed for embryo transplant purposes such fact must be stated on the entry form and will be printed in the catalogue.

15.3.7 All pedigree animals catalogued for sale that have Graded or Polled status will have their status and pedigree clearly printed in the catalogue.

15.3.8 Where a registered Simmental female is entered in a sale as being in calf, the catalogue will clearly state the service sire details.

15.3.9 All statements made in the sale catalogue are the entire responsibility of the Vendor.

15.3.10 A Dispersal Sale means the selling of **all** live Simmental cattle and embryos owned by the member dispersing the herd. Breeders holding a Dispersal Sale may retain bulls for sale providing they are sold within 12 months of the original Dispersal Sale date. Any bulls to be retained for this purpose must be declared in the Sale Catalogue. Breeders may also retain cattle semen for future use and sale providing all details of this are declared in the Sale Catalogue.

NB: If any other cattle are to be retained by the vendor then the sale will be classed as a Reduction Sale and not a Dispersal Sale.

The Herd Prefix ceases immediately after the Dispersal Sale is completed but membership will not cease until the current Subscription year, relevant to sale, ends. A review of the Sale will be carried out by the Society office once the sale information has been received from the Auctioneers. New membership is only required if the member wishes to set up a new herd prefix. Associate membership is available for those wanting to continue to receive The Annual Review and Newsletters.

15.3.11 The name and address of the Vendor (if more than one Vendor, the names and addresses of each Vendor, together with a clear indication of which Lots in the catalogue belong to each Vendor) shall be stated in the catalogue of sale.

15.3.12 If a bull from which semen has been taken and stored is offered for sale it must be stated in the catalogue whether the semen so stored is to pass with the bull or whether it is to be retained by the Vendor. Breeder guarantees shall not apply to sales of stored semen.

- 15.3.13** No animal at a dispersal sale (as distinct from a collective sale) shall be offered subject to a reserve bid, the sale of an animal privately prior to the auction is not permitted, nor shall the Vendor bid directly or indirectly for any animal except through the Auctioneers. If, at any time within 3 months after the date of sale any animal offered and bid for at the sale, and not offered subject to a reserve bid, shall be upon the Vendor's premises or exhibited at any show in his name, except for good reason to be established to the satisfaction of, and approved by the Council of the Society, the fact shall be deemed conclusive evidence that the Vendor has committed a breach of these Rules.
- 15.3.14** Members may enter an animal in two or more Official Collective Society Sales, during the same sale season, subsequent to animal movement restrictions in force at the time of sale.
- 15.3.15** Any animal entered for sale, which is a twin or is otherwise one of a multiple birth must be so described in the catalogue. If it is a twin this description shall state whether it is twin to a bull or a heifer and if it is otherwise one of a multiple birth this description shall state the sex of the other calves. A heifer that is twin with a bull or is otherwise one of a multiple birth which includes a bull calf cannot be entered for sale until she has been certified pregnant by a Veterinary Surgeon, except in a dispersal sale in which case it shall be stated in the catalogue of sale that the sale of the twin animal is subject to the Society's Rules and Conditions.
- 15.3.16** All calves offered for sale must be identified in accordance with the Society's regulations and must have been registered or birth notified with the Society by the Vendor, or the entry must have been lodged with the Manager of the Society. The Auctioneers shall have power to deduct from the sale proceeds a sum of money sufficient to cover the costs of such registration or notification in the BSCS Herd Book, if such cost or fees have not been paid by the Vendor at the time of sale. Calves at foot can be sold as Birth Notified.
- 15.3.17** The Auctioneers shall furnish to the Society, within one week of the sale, a detailed summary of the sale showing the price of each individual Lot sold, the price bid for each individual Lot unsold by reason of failure to reach the stated reserve price, the full name and address of each purchaser and the average price realised for each distinct class of animal sold. Such summary list shall also include full details of any addition, amendment or correction to any of the details printed in the catalogue.
- 15.3.18** Members electing to sell their cattle subject to these Rules shall have the option of offering their animals subject to the rules governing the importation of bovines into all countries. Such an option must be indicated by the Vendor in the catalogue of sale.

N.B. Animals, which are offered for export sale, are the subject of special conditions, which are binding upon both Vendor and Purchaser.

- 15.3.19** In the case of any animal to be sold that has been involved in any way in the process of embryo transplant the following information shall be clearly stated in the catalogue of sale:-
- [a] In the case of an animal whose birth is as a result of embryo transplant the fact shall be clearly stated.
 [b] In the case of a female that has been flushed for embryo transplant purposes, it shall be clearly stated in the catalogue for sale:
- [i] how many times she has been flushed;
 - [ii] how many embryos have been implanted;
 - [iii] how many embryos have been frozen but not yet implanted.
- 15.3.20** For production, reduction and Collective Sales all udders are warranted sound and the vendor must declare any faults, defects or unsoundness at the time of sale.
- 15.3.21** If a member of the Society shall commit or knowingly suffer any breach of these Rules he or she shall be deemed guilty of conduct derogatory to the character and prejudicial to the interests of the Society's Memorandum & Articles of Association and Rules as the case may be.
- 15.3.22** Notwithstanding anything in these Rules contained, the decision of the Council shall be in all matters final and binding on all parties and the Council may order the payment of such costs and expenses as it thinks fit.
 A member of the Society being a party to a dispute shall have the right to require the Society to settle the same.
- 15.3.23** Calves sold suckling their dams are given to the purchaser free and no guarantees apply unless specifically stated by the Vendor at the time of sale. Calves sold suckling their dams at any sale under Society rules will be subject to an identity inspection only.

15.3.24 Where a cow or heifer calves at a later date than the date stated in the catalogue, the onus of proving identity of the service bull shall be upon the Vendor.

15.3.25 Any female [cow or heifer] that has been flushed for embryo transplant will be EXCLUDED from the terms of this guarantee but individual Vendors of such animals shall have the opinion of giving their personal guarantee, to be announced at the time of sale. All claims under National Beef Association Terms & Conditions of Sale must be submitted within the correct time limits in writing to the Auctioneers who will forthwith inform the Vendor and the Secretary of the Society of the receipt of a claim.

15.3.26 DNA TYPING OF STATED SIRES WHEN SELLING FEMALES IN CALF

As from 1st October 2008 it will be the Vendor's responsibility to have a Sire DNA typed if the vendor is selling Females in-calf to a stated sire. If the Sire is no longer available and has not been DNA typed it is the **Vendor's responsibility** to declare this in the Sales catalogue. (This rule also applies to Private Sales).

To clarify: if a Sire is not DNA typed the Society cannot register his progeny. To obtain a sire profile without the sire, 5 progeny and their dams have to be DNA typed, this is 10 DNA profiles at a cost of DNA at the time. The purchaser must be made aware by the vendor of the potential registration problems and costs.

15.4 SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Preliminary: It may be necessary for a sale to be cancelled at any time and the Society retains power for this purpose. The Society also reserves the right to limit the number of entries from any one Vendor should such limitation, in its opinion, be necessary or desirable.

15.4.1 All cattle entered at collective Official Society sales must be trained to lead by halter and be lead by halter during inspection and sale. Any animals not halter trained must be entered as a DRAFT and not into the collective sale. Animals are not eligible for showing unless halter trained.

15.4.2 All animals entered in the sale will be inspected on the sale premises at a time fixed by the Auctioneers and the Society. Animals, which are not presented for inspection at the times published in the catalogue, will be rejected from the sale. The appointed panel of inspectors reserve the right to inspect animals out with the published times in the event of exceptional circumstances. All registered Simmentals entered for collective Official Sales are subject to inspection by a Veterinary Surgeon appointed by the Society and by an inspection panel also appointed by the Society. All registered Simmentals entered for Official Society production, reduction and dispersal sales are subject to an identity check only, by a Society appointed inspector.

It is the responsibility of the Vendor to have draft entries inspected on farm and a vets letter provided to the Society office confirming that the animals jaw is neither over or under shot.

15.5 REJECTED ANIMALS

All animals forward for the inspection at official collective Society sales will be sale numbered. An animal, which fails any part of the pre-sale inspection, will have its ticket red spray marked. These animals will be eligible to remain in their allocated pens but must not have their spray marked numbers removed. Any vendor or his representative failing to comply with this will be subject to disciplinary action by the Society.

15.6 ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

At the point of inspection all animals born after 01 January 1998 must be clearly identified in accordance with Rule 3.11 This includes all calves at foot. Animals presented for sale, born before 01 January 1998, must clearly tattooed in either ear as detailed on the official pedigree certificate. PLEASE NOTE: As from July 1995 the tattooing of suffixes indicating FOT, British pedigree status and polled status was no longer required. Animals with faint or incorrect ear tattoo numbers must be tagged prior to the sale subject to the prior approval of the Ministry and the Society subsequently should be informed. After entry into the market, all animals with a faint or incorrect identity will be rejected by the inspectors.

15.7 WEIGHTS

All bulls entered for BSCS Official Sales will be weighed by an independent Society Officer and these weights can be announced at the time of sale. Bulls must satisfy the minimum weight for age standards for BSCS National Sales as outlined in Appendix B. Bulls not attaining the minimum weight at the point of inspection will be rejected from the sale and cannot be represented for a second weighing.

15.8 VETERINARY INSPECTION

All animals must be placed in a suitable crush in the market to allow the Society's Veterinary surgeon to carry out inspections at collective sales. All animals rejected on veterinary or breed standard grounds will not be allowed through the sale ring.

Animals entered as a DRAFT will be inspected on the vendors holding for genetic defects. A Vet letter provided to the Society prior to the sale day confirming inspection.

15.8.1 Teeth

Teeth must make proper contact with the dental pad of the upper jaw but due allowance will be made for the age and dental development of the animal. Any animal with severely undershot or severely overshot jaws will be rejected and progeny from such animals will not be accepted into the BSCS herd book 10 months after the sale inspection date. Where the veterinary surgeon declares that an animal is marginally overshot or undershot that animal may still be offered through the sale but will be excluded from the show. The Auctioneer will announce that at the point of inspection of animal was found to be marginally overshot or undershot.

15.8.2 Testicles

Bull's testicles will be measured and inspected by the veterinary surgeon. They must be a minimum size of 36 cm in circumference (14 Months), and 38 cm (over 18 months), measured at the widest point of the scrotum. The vet retains the right at his discretion to reject any bulls with uneven or soft testicles. Progeny from bulls with small/uneven/soft testicles which fail inspections will not be accepted into the BSCS herd book 10 months after the sale inspection date. Bulls which may have suffered injury will be considered on a case by case basis.

15.8.3 Warts

Animals with active warts must be treated by the member's veterinary surgeon before the sale, and a vet's certificate should be available for inspection at the Sale.

15.8.4 General Health

Animals with active infections, a contagious disease, or a disorder or condition, may be rejected by the veterinary surgeon. Minor injuries may be treated by a veterinary surgeon in the market but this must be announced at the time of sale. The decisions of the veterinary surgeon appointed by the Society are final and binding. Any animal, which is considered by the vet to be not in a healthy and proper condition to be presented as representing a good specimen of the breed at an official collective sale, will be rejected.

15.8.5 Vendors who declare in a sale catalogue that a bull is semen tested, or have it announced at point of sale must provide a copy of the semen test to the auctioneers

***** A Society Representative and the Society Vet will attend Vendors pens of failed bulls at the end of the inspection process. *****

15.9 BREED INSPECTION

15.9.1 Breed Standards

All animals must conform to Simmental breed standards – please refer to Rule 1.

15.9.2 Temperament

Animals, which exhibit poor temperament in the market or during inspection, will be rejected by the inspectors.

15.9.3 Blood\DNA Typing

Inspectors reserve the right to take blood sample or a hair sample from any given animal for the purpose of confirming parentage, detecting illegal substances or for other veterinary tests at their absolute discretion.

15.9.4 Rejected cows with calves at foot

If a cow is rejected from the pre-sale inspection the calf at foot cannot be sold on its own unless it has been entered in the sale catalogues as an 'A' lot.

15.9.5 Inspection of 'A' lots

Where a calf at foot offered at a collective sale is catalogued as an 'A' lot that calf will be subject to a Identity check only.

15.10 Appeals

The decisions of inspectors are final and binding on vendors. There is no formal appeals procedure.

15.11 Exhibitor Requirements

Exhibitors will, in all cases, be responsible for the care of their stock.

15.12 Each exhibitor must have at least one person in charge of his stock, which shall be in such person's sole care.

15.13 All animals are accepted for sale on the terms that the Vendor warrants his or her right to sell the same and undertakes to indemnify the Society and the Auctioneers against all actions, proceedings, claims, demands, costs, charges and expenses to which they may be exposed by reason of any defect in the Vendor's title.

15.14 All entries must be made on the approved or official Entry Form available from the Auctioneers and must be received by the appointed Auctioneers not later than the date stated in the Sale Schedule. Irrespective of circumstances, LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

15.15 All entries must be accompanied by the Society's Official Pedigree Certificate relating to the animal[s] entered or they will be returned. Pedigree Certificates for unsold animals will be returned to the Vendors after the sale. For all animals sold at the sale the Pedigree Certificate will be given to the purchaser at the Sale. Transfers for all animals sold at the sale can only be completed by the Society upon instruction from the new owner. The official A.I. Certificate must accompany the entry of a female that has been artificially inseminated and will be sold in calf.

15.16 No liability whatsoever is undertaken by the Society or the Auctioneers for any error or mis-statement on the Entry Form, and all information given on the Entry Form is the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor.

15.17 Every Vendor, or an authorised representative, is responsible for presenting his or her own animals to the sale ring at the due time, in accordance with the order of sale. Any animal not presented for sale in the correct order will be sold at the end of the sale.

15.18 In the event of any alteration to the catalogue particulars being necessary, the Vendors must furnish full details of such alteration to the Auctioneers before the commencement of the sale, which shall then be announced from the rostrum at the time of sale. Such statements made from the rostrum shall take precedence over the catalogue information.

15.19 All animals will be sold in GUINEAS [105 pence] and a commission of 5p in the Guinea [plus VAT] will be charged by the Auctioneers on all sales.

15.20 All bulls forward at a collective sale will be subject to the Society's upset price of 2000 guineas, except Stirling which will be 2400 guineas from February 2018. The Society's Council retain the right to alter the upset price for bulls at its discretion.

15.21 All females forward at collective sales, nominated by the Society's Council, will not be subject to any upset price. The Council retains the right to set or alter the upset price for females at its discretion.

15.22 No animal, once delivered to the Sale Premises, may be sold privately prior to the Sale but must be passed through the auction sale except in the case of injury or, for females in the process of calving, at the discretion of the Stewards and subject to Health regulations applicable at time of sale.

15.23 Any animals in the Sale Premises which are sold by private treaty after the auction are subject to the full commission on the price realised and all such transactions must be passed through the Auctioneers in order to safeguard both the vendor and the buyer.

15.24 The sale proceeds are guaranteed by the Auctioneers [except in the case of animals sold for export for which special conditions apply] who will account to Vendors within 7 days of the sale.

15.25 All animals will be at the risk of the Vendor up to the fall of the hammer and at the risk of the Purchaser thereafter.

NOTE: Special Conditions apply to the sale of animals for export.

15.26 There is no upper or lower age limit for cattle handling, although auctioneers and/sales' centres may impose their own ruling. However, it is important to ensure that all handlers are in good health and properly trained to lead any animal, either on parade, show or in the sale ring.

15.27 In case of any violation of these Regulations, or of any false statements being made by a Vendor regarding his or her entry or entries or any other act calculated to deceive the Stewards, Society inspectors, appointed Auctioneers and their servants, or to mislead the public, the animals by such Vendor shall be rejected from the sale and removed from the Sale Premises. The person or persons offending and the specifics of the offence will be referred to the Society's disciplinary procedure.

15.28 The Society will endeavour to prevent any breach of these Rules, but no warranty whatsoever, is given by the Society in respect of the observance or any breach of the Regulations or in respect of any animal that has been entered at any such Sale nor shall any warranty on behalf of the Society be implied.

15.29 The Council of the Society reserve the right to refuse the entries for the Sale of any person without being called upon to give their reasons, also the right to amend, vary or supplement these Regulations.

15.30 Health Scheme Rules

Any member selling cattle at official sales from the 1st January 2011 must be a member of a CHeCS licensed herd health scheme

All official Society sales to come under Health Scheme Rules.

All Vendors must be a member of a CHeCS Health Scheme.

All entries must be tested/vaccinated for BVD (testing does not apply to accredited herds)

All Vendors must be screening for Johnes and a risk factor included on the Health Declaration.

Declarations will continue to be put in the index at the front of the catalogue.

NO foot notes will be allowed to contain any health declarations.

NO unofficial cards or statements to be displayed on pens.

Members should apply to their Health Scheme Provider for an animal health declaration card prior to the sale.

Vendors who do not submit Health Declarations by the closing dates for sales may be subject to animals being rejected from the sale.

IBR Rules

As of October 2016, all heifers need to be isolated at least seven days prior to testing clear and vaccinated with an IBR marker vaccine, an inactivated IBR vaccine is preferred to live vaccine.

Test positive animals should be removed and the process repeated 14 days following removal of test positives.

Isolation facilities as per CHeCS or own country government approved, Defra etc.

Cattle vaccinated as young calves can still be isolated and tested for IBR wild type after vaccination, testing differentiates between marker vaccine and actual virus, a booster would then be required pre-sale.

Testing timeline pre-sale as per CHeCS- less than 12 weeks.

A heifer will be classed as such until the first calf is born.

Non-marker vaccines will not be accepted.

Entries from Accredited herds need only to be vaccinated.

All vaccination dates and the type of vaccine used need to be clearly stated on your HHD.

15.31 DNA for Society Sales

From 1st January 2013 all bulls at Society Sales must be pre sale DNA sire verified. Costs will apply.

Members with an animal that has failed sire verification must DNA sire verify one animal either side of the failed animal at the members expense.

15.32 Herd Health declarations

All Herd Health declarations for Society Sales will be verified by the Society and your Health Scheme Provider pre-sale. It is the members responsibility to inform the Society office of any changes to their health status post entry and pre-sale.

Please contact the Society office on 02476 696513 if further clarification is needed.

RULE 16

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

- 16.1** It shall be the duty of every member of the Society to give information in writing to the Society without delay of every case of alleged misrepresentation or inaccuracy in the particulars furnished by any member of other person with reference to the pedigree or identity of any animal, or the entry of any animal in the Herd Book, or to the notification of the birth of any animal, or to the exhibition, sale or transfer of any animal, which shall come to his knowledge, and to assist the Society by every means in his power to investigate every such case.
- 16.2** If at any time there shall be inserted in the Herd Book or any supplementary register thereto, any animal belonging to a member jointly with any other person who shall not be a member of the Society either as partnership property or otherwise, then so long as such entry and joint ownership shall continue such member shall at all times be responsible to the Society for the acts and conduct of such other person; and if any such person shall do or omit to do any act or thing which in the opinion of the Society if done by the said member would have made him or them liable to be subjected to the exercise of disciplinary powers under these Rules then the Society may exercise disciplinary powers in relation to that member in the same manner as if such member had himself done or omitted to do that act or thing.
- 16.3** If it appears from information provided to the Society that any member, or any person for whose acts or conduct any member is responsible:
- [i] has or may have furnished false or inaccurate particulars in connection with the pedigree or identity of any animal in the Herd Book or any register supplementary thereto, or the notification of the birth of any animal; or
 - [ii] has or may have conducted himself in some other manner which is inconsistent with the objects for which the Society is established or which is prejudicial to its interest the Society shall direct two of its Council members or the Society Manager to investigate the matter and to make a report.
- 16.4** If, after considering a report and hearing such representations in relation to that report as the member may wish to make, the Society is satisfied that the member, or any person for whose acts on his behalf:
- [i] has been guilty of wilful misrepresentation or gross carelessness in furnishing or keeping such particulars or
 - [ii] has without reasonable excuse conducted himself in some other manner which is inconsistent with the objects for which the Society is established or is prejudicial to its interests The Society may exercise disciplinary powers in respect of that member.
- 16.5** The disciplinary powers that may be exercised by the Society are:
- [i] the expulsion of the member from Membership of the Society;
 - [ii] the suspension of the member from Membership of the Society for such period as the Council may determine;
 - [iii] the imposition of a fine of such amount as the Council may determine and published in the Rules (as set out in Appendix A);
 - [iv] the delivery of a notice of censure and reprimand.
 - [v] Exclusion from Society Shows and or Sales
- 16.6** No disciplinary power shall be exercised in relation to a member [save with his consent] unless it has been resolved upon by not less than two-thirds of the Council members present at a meeting of the Council of which the member has been given reasonable notice and at which he has had a proper opportunity of making such representations [whether orally or in writing] as he may wish. A minimum of two Council members will be excluded from initial discussions to allow a fair appeals process, should it be required.
- 16.6.1** All members will have the right of appeal on any disciplinary procedure and the appeals process will be clearly identified during any disciplinary procedure.

- 16.7** A member upon whom a fine has been imposed shall pay the same in full within one month [or such longer period as the Council may allow] and in default of such payment he shall [unless the Council shall otherwise resolve] immediately cease to be a member of the Society.
- 16.8** Where any member of the Society has been expelled or suspended from membership of the Society or censured or fined, written notice of such event shall forthwith be sent by the Society to such member by registered post addressed to such member at his last known place of abode or business in the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland. A notice of such event with or without particulars of the alleged offence and the name and address of the member concerned may, at the discretion of the Council, be published in the Society's Journal, and [in addition or alternatively] be communicated to every member of the Society by a private letter addressed to every such member respectively. The Society may also send a further notice of such event and of the name and address of the member concerned with or without particulars of alleged offence to such other societies and sections of the public as the Council may determine.
- 16.9** If a member shall be expelled from the Society or suspended from Membership any office of or in connection with the Society held by him at the date of such expulsion or suspension shall be vacated, and he shall thereafter be disqualified from appointment to any such office.
- 16.10** If a member shall be censured or fined by the Society in the exercise of their disciplinary powers he shall not unless and until the Council in their absolute discretion otherwise determine be eligible for appointment to any office of or in connection with the Society, and any such office held by him at the date of such censure or imposition of a fine shall, unless the Council in their absolute discretion otherwise determine, be immediately vacated.
- 16.11** If it shall be reported to the Society by or on behalf of some other society or association that a member has been found guilty by such other society or association of an offence for which he could be expelled, suspended, censured or fined by the Society if such offence had been within the jurisdiction of the Society, he shall not be eligible for appointment to any office of or in connection with the Society and any such office held by him at the time shall, after such member has been given by the Society, an opportunity of being heard and unless the Council in their absolute discretion otherwise determine be vacated.
- 16.12** If the conduct of a member of the Society is the subject of investigation by the Council under the Articles or the Rules of the Society, such member shall not, pending the conclusion of such investigation, be entitled to resign his membership of the Society unless and until such resignation is first accepted by the Council and the Council may in any such case without assigning any reason, refuse to accept such resignation.

RULE 17

COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

17.1

- 17.1.1 (a) From time to time the members of the Society living in Scotland (hereinafter referred to as “the Scottish Group”) the members of the Society living in England and the Isle of Man (hereinafter referred to as “the English Group”), the members of the Society living in Wales (hereinafter referred to as the “Welsh Group” and the members of the Society living in Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as “the Northern Ireland Group”) shall respectively be entitled to appoint, pursuant to the provisions hereinafter contained, a proportionate number of members of the Council but so that any of the aforesaid Groups shall not at any time be represented by more than six members of the Council so far as the English Group is concerned or by more than 3 members each of the Council so far as the Scottish Group and the Northern Ireland Group respectively are concerned or by more than one member of the Council so far as the Welsh Group is concerned (the English Group, the Scottish Group and the Welsh Group and the Northern Ireland Group together or any of them the “Group”).
- 17.1.2 (b) For the purpose of this Article the address of a member registered in the Register of Members shall determine the Group for which such members shall be entitled to participate in the exercise of the rights referred to in sub-rule (a) hereof.
- 17.2 The Council members to be appointed by each Group or divisions of Groups under the provisions of this rule shall be members of that Group and shall be elected by the members of the Group by postal ballot conducted in accordance with Article 34.
- 17.3 Subject to the provisions of Article 38 & 39 the members of each Group may at the time of his election determine the term for which any Council member to be appointed by that Group shall remain in office and may from time to time and at any time remove from office a Council member appointed by that Group and appoint another Council member in his/her place; such powers of removal and appointment to be exercised by a resolution of the members of that Group passed after a postal ballot conducted in accordance (so near as may be) with Article 34.
- 17.4 Subject to the foregoing provisions Council members appointed by each Group shall remain in office until they retire under the provisions of Article 39.
- 17.5 The Council may from time to time and at any time appoint any member of the Group to be a Council member in order to fill a vacancy arising by reason of the death or resignation of a Council member appointed by that Group; any Council member appointed under this sub-clause shall remain in office only until the next Annual General Meeting but shall otherwise be treated for all purposes as a Council member appointed by the Group.

**RULE 18
HERD BOOK RULES**

These Rules shall incorporate and include revised herdbook rules from time to time adopted and amended by the Society. Members will be notified of all Rule changes.

NOTES

If any provision of these Rules is held by any competent authority to be invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part the validity of other provisions of these Rules shall not bear for convenience only and shall not affect their interpretation.

References in brackets to clauses in earlier editions of the Rules are for information only, and not form part of these Rules.

A BSCS telephone answering machine service for messages is available after 5.00 pm weekdays and at weekends on Coventry 02476 696513. The Freephone Telephone Number for Tel-Reg registrations/notifications is 0800 505 3954.

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MEMBERSHIP FEES			
Due to the Society's charitable status the Membership Subscription fees are not subject to VAT on the full amount and therefore the proportional breakdown has been clearly stated.			
	FEE £	VAT AT 20%	TOTAL
Initial Joining Fee & Prefix Registration	£44.68	£8.94	£53.62
Full Annual Subscription Total is split into Vatable and Non Vatable totals			
Full Annual proportioned £24.68 zero rated VAT	£24.68	£0.00	£24.68
Full Annual proportioned £35.00 plus VAT @ 20% for DD Members	£35.00	£7.00	£42.00
			£66.68
Full Annual proportioned £40.00 plus VAT @ 20% Non DD Members	£40.00	£8.00	£48.00
Full Annual proportioned £24.68 zero rated VAT	£24.68	£0.00	£24.68
			£72.68
Life Membership Total is £850.00 & is split into Vatable & Non Vatable Totals (Joining Fee & Prefix Registration included)			
Life Membership proportioned £23.10 plus VAT @ 20%	£23.10	£4.62	£27.72
Life Membership proportioned £822.28 zero rated for VAT	£822.28	£0.00	£822.28
			£850.00
Associate Membership Total is split into Vatable & Non Vatable Totals			
Associate Membership proportioned £6.34 plus VAT @ 20% for DD Members	£6.34	£1.27	£7.61
Associate Membership proportioned £24.68 zero rated for VAT	£24.68	£0.00	£24.68
			£32.29
Associate Membership proportioned 11.34 plus VAT @ 20% for Non DD Members	£11.34	£2.27	£13.61
Associate Membership proportioned £24.68 zero rated for VAT	£24.68	£0.00	£24.68
			£38.29
Overseas (including Republic of Ireland) Zero rated for VAT	£33.60	£0.00	£33.60
REGISTERING YOUNG MEMBERSHIP (Max age limit 25yrs)			
Initial Joining fee & Prefix Registration	£10.72	£2.14	£12.86
Annual Subscription (Zero rated for VAT)	£21.00	£0.00	£21.00
			£33.86

NON REGISTERING YOUNG MEMBERS (Max age limit 25yrs)			
Annual Subscription	£5.25	£0.00	£5.25
Young Life Membership Total is £378.58 & is split into Vatable & Non Vatable Totals (Joining Fee & Prefix Registration included)			
Young Life Membership proportioned £23.10 plus VAT @ 20%	£23.10	£4.62	£27.72
Life Membership proportioned £350.86 zero rated for VAT	£350.86	£0.00	£350.86
			£378.58
REGISTRATIONS			
Register within 27 days of birth - Paper	£35.00	£7.00	£42.00
Register within 27 days of birth - Tel-Reg	£30.00	£6.00	£36.00
Register within 27 days of birth- On-line	£26.00	£5.20	£31.20
Birth Notify within 27 days of birth - Paper / Tel-Reg / On-line	£8.00	£1.60	£9.60
Register up to 12 months Paper / Tel-Reg / On-line (previously notified)	£55.51	£11.10	£65.41
Register Over 12 months previously birth notified (please see below for conditions)	£250.00	£50.00	£300.00
Register Over 12 months not previously birth notified (please see below for conditions)	£400.00	£80.00	£480.00
Embryo Registration On Paper	£35.00	£7.00	£42.00
Embryo Registration By Tel-Reg	£30.00	£6.00	£36.00
Embryo Registration On-line	£26.00	£5.20	£31.20
Graded Registrations On Paper	£22.89	£4.58	£27.47
Graded Registrations by Tel-Reg (Cannot be processed on-line)	£17.53	£3.51	£21.04
Performance Recording Records / Steers	£1.05	£0.21	£1.26
Birth Notification can ONLY be processed 27 days from the date of birth, no late Birth Notifications will be accepted. Calves born dead should be notified free of charge. Calves sired by a breed other than Simmental should be notified as Performance only at the rate of £1.26. We encourage all Performance recording members to record all births but please note Performance only records CANNOT be taken up to full registration at any time. Freemartins should be Birth Notified within 27 days of birth and must be registered within 12-36 months maximum. Please contact the BSCS for further information.			

Amended or Replacement Pedigree Certificate	£5.00	£1.00	£6.00
DNA Typing kit per animal	£23.10	£4.62	£27.72
Polled DNA test	£20.00	£4.00	£24.00
Freemartin DNA Test	£35.00	£7.00	£42.00
Embryo Flush Form (ET1) price per form	£10.00	£2.00	£12.00
Imported Embryo Fee	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00
Importation (Including Republic of Ireland) to be entered into the British Simmental Herdbook	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00
CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP (Payable by Purchaser) Sale / Private			
Purebred	£16.53	£3.31	£19.84
Graded	£5.36	£1.07	£6.43
Bull used from a Non Member (Commercial Man) (including semen purposes)	£16.53	£3.31	£19.84
* Transfer of Ownership form/s must be completed for privately sold animals *			
Exportation Certificate (Embryo Purposes)	£10.00	£2.00	£12.00
Exportation Certificate (Live Animal Purposes)	£18.50	£3.70	£22.20
UPGRADING (Grade inspection of animal on farm)	Price on Application		
ROYALTY SIRE			
Registration of Levy Sire	£273.00	£54.60	£327.60
Annual Fee to Maintain Levy (The Annual Levy Fee is invoiced from 1st January following the year of Registration)	£54.96	£10.99	£65.95
Administration Fee (per Levy Registration)	10%		

LATE REGISTRATION MATRIX			
* The following pricing matrix and late penalties will apply to all members who are registering calves under these circumstances.			
* Calves not registered within the 27 days after date of birth are subject to the fee schedule below.			
* Cattle may be registered after 12 months of age, subject to proven DNA parentage testing.			
Please note the fee that is quoted includes the parentage test for the calf only. The DNA typing of the Sire and Dam is £27.72 (inc VAT, per animal), if not already on file			
* Please contact the Registration Department to process any registrations over twelve months of age as this cannot be processed on-line.			
1-3 Months	4-6 Months	7-9 Months	10-12 Months
Registrations that are received after 27 days of birth will then fall into the pricing matrix for late fees	Birth Notification fee £9.60 plus the 12 month registration fee of £65.41	Birth Notification fee £9.60 plus the 12 month registration fee of £65.41 plus late penalty fee of £18.90 (£15.75 + VAT)	Birth Notification fee of £9.60 plus the 12 month registration fee of £65.41 plus late penalty fee of £37.80 (£31.50 + VAT)
TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
£19.03 will be added to the cost of Registration	£75.01	£93.91	£112.81
Over 12 Months Previously Birth Notified	Over 12 Months NOT Previously Birth Notified		
£250 + VAT = £300	£400 + VAT = £480		
This includes the cost of the DNA test for the calf. Sire & Dam tests are not included and are £23.10 + VAT each if the profile is not already on our file.	This includes the cost of the DNA test for the calf. Sire & Dam tests are not included and are £23.10 + VAT each if the profile is not already on our file.		