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(As at March 2006)

1. [a] The Herd Book of Holstein UK (the "**Society**") shall incorporate the herd books and supplementary registers of the former British Holstein Society ("**BHS**") and the former Holstein Friesian Society of Great Britain and Ireland ("**HFS**") and shall include particulars of the pedigrees of cattle eligible to be entered therein, and such other information as the Board of the Society may from time to time decide.
 - [b] An entry tendered for registration in the Society's Herd Book by a person who is not a member of the Society will not be accepted.
 - [c] A member of the Society shall be entitled to tender for registration in the Society's Herd Book, under and subject to the conditions contained in these Bye-Laws, entries of animals belonging to such member either alone or jointly with any other person.
 - [d] The entry of every animal must be tendered for registration by the breeder of such animal except (1) in the case of a foundation animal which qualifies for Class A of the Supplementary Register (7. (a) and (b)), (2) in respect of a calf born as a result of embryo transfer (3) in the case of an animal imported to the United Kingdom by the Society or imported to the United Kingdom by a member.
 - [e] In the 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 either alone or jointly with any partner or partners or other person or persons whose names and addresses and descriptions shall have previously been given to the Society in writing by such member of the Society.
 - [f] Every member of the Society who shall be the joint owner with a non member of any animal registered in the Society's Herd Book shall within one month after any change of the address of such person for the time being registered with the Society give notice in writing of such change of address to the Society.
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- [g] The Society shall be entitled either before or after the entry of any animal in the Society's 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 or its parents or progeny or any records maintained by members) as the Board of the Society shall consider reasonable in the interests of the members of the Society with the object of ensuring the accuracy of the Society's Herd Book and any entries therein.
 - [h] The Society, may at its absolute discretion, require a DNA parentage test on any animal(s) tendered for registration in the Herd Book or Supplementary Register. A member refusing to permit a DNA test to be carried out on any animal owned/bred by them are liable to have the registration refused or cancelled
 - [i] The entry of any animal in the Society's Herd Book shall be in the absolute discretion of the Board of the Society.
2. [a] The fact of an animal being twin or otherwise one of a multiple birth shall be notified to the Society at the time of registration stating the sex of the other twin or other calves and which shall be mentioned in the Society's Herd Book against the registration entry of such animal.
- [b] Any fine or fines which has or shall become payable by a member under these Bye-Laws in respect of any animal shall be additional to the fees payable and unless and except in so far as in any special case the Board of the Society shall otherwise expressly resolve and determine no entry shall be made in the Society's Herd Book in respect of any animal unless and until any such fine or fines as aforesaid which may have been payable in respect of such animal shall have been duly paid and discharged.
3. [a] Every member desiring to tender an animal for registration in the Society's Herd Book shall first submit for registration a prefix to be approved by the Society and which shall be applicable to animals bred and tendered for registration by that member either alone or jointly with any partner or partners or other person or
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persons particulars in writing of whose names, addresses and descriptions shall have previously been given by such member to the Society and to no other animals. A prefix shall consist of one word only which has been approved by the Board of the Society. Except by special permission of the Board of the Society a prefix that has been used by a member may not be used by another member. When a herd is sold or discontinued its prefix shall lapse unless the member subsequently founds another herd or desires again to use its original prefix. When a herd is taken over by a representative of the family of the previous owner of such herd, the Board of the Society may, in its absolute discretion, grant a request for the herd prefix to be continued. When a herd belonging to any persons jointly either as partnership property or otherwise is taken over either by a survivor or survivors of such joint owners or in the case of any partnership property by the successors or successor in business of such joint owners or of the survivors or survivor of them the Board of the Society may if in its absolute discretion it shall so determine grant a request for the herd prefix to be continued and be applicable to animals bred and tendered for registration by such survivors or survivor or successors or successor in business for so long as the Board of the Society may think fit provided always that such persons or person shall be or include at least one member of the Society and as regards every other of them shall be a person or persons particulars in writing of whose names, addresses and description shall have been duly given to the Society. Every prefix is the absolute property of the Society.

4. [a] In the case of any animal whose entry has been registered in the Society's Herd Book being sold/transferred, except where the purchaser/transferee has specified that the pedigree registration certificate is not required and it is not intended to apply for the registration of progeny, the vendor/transferor shall complete and sign the transfer form on the reverse side of the official registration certificate in favour of the purchaser/transferee. The registration certificate shall be given to the purchaser/transferee who should then inform the society by either telephone, fax or email. The Board of the Society may in its absolute discretion accept such other evidence of change of ownership as may be considered satisfactory or required in order that the prefix or name of the bona fide owner may be noted in the records of the Society.

 - [b] In the case of a calf for which the birth notification has not been submitted to the Society at the time of sale, but is sold with a guarantee of registration in the Society's Herd Book, the breeder shall when submitting the birth notification give details of the date of sale and the herd prefix or name and address of the purchaser or, if sold at auction under Society Auction Sale Rules, the lot number and the date and venue of the sale.

 - [c] If a calf whose birth has been notified in accordance with these Bye-Laws is sold by auction under Society Auction Sale Rules prior to the breeder/vendor receiving
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the relevant registration certificate, when received the certificate must be sent to the auctioneers for completion of the transfer details and transmission to the Society.

- [d] The Board of the Society 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 the right to refuse to register in the Society's Herd Book an entry of the progeny of a registered animal.
 - [e] Where any member of the Society who has been expelled from the Society or suspended from membership under the Society's Articles of Association is, at the time of such expulsion or suspension, an owner of registered cattle, the Board of the Society may, at their discretion, allow such member to transfer the cattle then registered in his name in the Society's Herd Book to tender for registration and transfer the progeny of such cattle after the date of expulsion or suspension as the Board of the Society may decide.
5. [a] The Board of the Society may refuse to accept entries for registration in the Society's Herd Book from any member who fails to observe or perform any of the provisions of Rule 4. The Board shall not sanction definite acceptance of the Society of notification of birth unless the dam of the calf concerned has been properly transferred to the breeder of that calf, as required in Rule 4.
- [b] The Board of the Society may refuse to accept entries for registration in the Society's Herd Book from any member who is also a member of a Society issuing a Holstein or Holstein Friesian or Friesian herd book in opposition to or distinct from the Society's Herd Book.
- [c] The Board of the Society may at any time cancel or alter or amend as may be necessary the entry of an animal in the Society's Herd Book which shall be found to contain any false or inaccurate particulars or statement or to have been made on the faith of any false or inaccurate particulars or statement given or made to the Society. On the cancellation, alteration or amendment of the entry of any animal in the Society's Herd Book the Certificate of Registration issued by the Society in respect of such animal shall be delivered up to the Society and be cancelled, altered, amended or replaced.
6. In addition to the other Bye-Laws, an animal shall be eligible to be registered in the Society's Herd Book according to the following:
- [a] be born of parents whose entries are already registered in the Herd Book or Supplementary Register, as described in more detail in paragraph 7 below; or
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- [b] be imported with the Society's knowledge or be born as a result of semen or embryo imported with the Society's knowledge into the United Kingdom.
 - [c] Any animal imported with the Society's knowledge will be registered in the Society's Herd Book and will retain the Herd Book name and number from the country of origin.
7. In connection with the Herd Book there is an established Supplementary Register by means of which owners of unregistered animals shall be enabled to breed cattle into the Herd Book. The cattle entered in the Supplementary Register shall be divided into two classes, namely, A and B as follows :
- CLASS A: An animal to qualify for registration in Class A of the Supplementary Register must be :
- [a] Be a typical representative of the Holstein or Friesian breed, as to type size and constitution, with no obvious signs of cross breeding, or
 - [b] Be proved from its breeding records to contain between 50% and 74.9% Holstein genes or Friesian genes.
- Note: If the breeding records show that one parent is of a breed other than Holstein Friesian or Holstein or Friesian then such parent must be a purebred animal fully registered in a Herd Book of a dairy-breed society recognised by the Society.
- The member shall give the Society full particulars of the animals to be entered for Class A.
- [c] CLASS B: For a calf by a bull registered or dual registered in the Herd Book or in the Supplementary Register and out of a foundation cow or heifer registered in Class A or B of the Supplementary Register and containing between 75% and 87.4% Holstein genes or Friesian genes.
 - [d] A heifer or bull calf from a cow or heifer in Class B of the Supplementary Register and by a bull registered or dual registered in the Herd Book or the Supplementary Register, and containing 87.5% or more Holstein genes or Friesian genes will be eligible to have its entry registered in the Herd Book.
8. The fines, fees and other payments to be made to the Society shall be such as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of the Society and published in the Society Journal.
9. [a] Should any question arise concerning the meaning, interpretation or application of any of these Bye-Laws, the decision of the Board of the Society shall be final and binding.
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[b] The Society has been formed on the unification of HFS and BHS. The aim of the Society is to manage the Society's Herd Book on as unified a basis as is practicable and in time to move to a wholly unified Herd Book and associated Bye-Laws for the Society (the '**Purpose**'). Issues may arise in the course of management of the Society's Herd Book where the Board of the Society (or any sub-committee which it may appoint to manage the Herd Book) considers the Purpose will not be best fulfilled by the application of these Bye-Laws. In these circumstances the Board of the Society (or the relevant sub-committee) shall have a discretion on a case by case basis and with the overriding aim of the achievement of the purpose:

- (i) to apply these Bye-Laws with a view to ensuring the fulfilment of the Purpose;
- (ii) to waive particular requirements of these Bye-Laws subject to such terms and conditions as it considers appropriate; and
- (iii) to deal with matters which are not covered by these Bye-Laws, so far as reasonably practicable on a consistent basis with these Bye-Laws and with a view to ensuring the fulfilment of the Purpose.

[c] This Bye-Law applies where the management of the Society's Herd Book and/or the bringing together of the herd books and supplementary registers of HFS and BHS gives rise to conflicts between the registrations of any two or more members of the Society of any other inconsistencies, which are not resolved to the satisfaction of the Board of the Society through the application of these Bye-Laws (as from time to time amended) or any agreement established with the members concerned. In these circumstances the Board of the Society (or any sub-committee which it may appoint for the purpose) shall be entitled to determine how the conflict or inconsistency is to be resolved and its determination shall be final and binding. Before making any such determination the Board of the Society (or relevant sub-committee) will provide the relevant members directly concerned with an opportunity to express their views (which shall generally be in writing, unless it determines otherwise). In reaching its determination the Board of the Society shall have particular regard to the fulfilment of the Purpose.

10. The provisions and procedures contained in these Bye-Laws shall be applied in accordance with a principle of non-discrimination between members of the Society.
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APPENDIX 1

Registration Details and Requirements in the Society's Herd Book

11. [a] The birth of every calf whose entry is desired to be registered in the Society's Herd Book shall be notified to the Society by the breeder or his representative to reach the Society within 45 days from the date of birth of the calf by telephone or internet and containing information certified by the breeder or his representative to be correct which shall include statements as to the sex, colours, date of birth, parentage and prefix and name of the calf and an ear tag number where the ear tag(s) has been approved for use as a means of identification by the Society.
- [b] In addition to the prefix (see Bye-law 3(a)) each animal must have a name, which shall not be altered after being registered in the Society's Herd Book except under such special circumstances as the Board of the Society may direct. All names shall be subject to the approval of the Board of the Society, and limited to a maximum of twenty two letters (a space between words must be counted as one letter). A serial number for females (Not males) may be added after the name to distinguish different animals with the same prefix and name.
- [c] Red and White calves must carry the word RED as the last word in the name ie Prefix/name/RED (but refer to (d) below).
- If a Red and White calf is registered as above, but subsequently turns black and white, 'RB', denoting 'Red/Black', will be substituted for the word 'Red'.
- (d) The progeny of imported animals, if proven to be of 100% North American ancestry, shall be designated PI (pure imported), such designation to be recorded as the last word of the animal's name.
- [e] A calf born by embryo transfer will carry the suffix ET and may be registered in the normal way and with the prefix of the herd in which it is born subject to the following conditions: -
- (i) The collection and transfer of embryos shall be carried out in the United Kingdom by a qualified operator recognised by the Society in accordance with the bovine embryo (collection, production and transfer) regulations 1995.
- (ii) Upon each collection of embryos an embryo collection certificate (form ET1) must be fully completed in triplicate by the collection team one copy to be retained by the collection team one to be retained by the owner of the donor female and one to be submitted to the Society.
- (iii) If the service bull(s) is/are not already DNA typed, application for DNA typing to be carried out must be made to the Society at the time of embryo collection.
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- (iv) If the donor female is not already DNA typed, application for DNA typing to be carried out must be made to the Society at the time of embryo collection.
 - (v) If any embryo is sold or transferred to other ownership by the owner of the donor female, either unfrozen, frozen or in a recipient female even if the recipient female remains the property of the breeder, a Form ET2 must be completed giving the new owner's details and submitted to the Society.
 - (vii) If an embryo is implanted in a recipient female a form ET2 detailing the official ear tag identity of the recipient and the date of implantation must be completed and submitted to the Society.
 - (viii) If at one and the same time more than one embryo is transferred to a recipient those embryos must be from one and the same collection.
 - (viii) The unique ET1 form number (not the collection reference number) must be quoted At the time of registration
 - (x) A calf born as a result of embryo transfer where semen from two or more bulls was used for the insemination (as in iv. above) must be parentage checked by DNA typing At the time of registration the Society will despatch the /hair sample pack(s) to the member.
 - (ix) In the case of embryos imported into the UK the breeder must submit a copy of the embryo collection certificate from country of origin, notification of the number of embryos from that collection that were imported, three generation pedigrees for both sire and dam and DNA profile for both sire and dam.
 - (iix) The registration of a calf born as result of embryo manipulation (split embryo) will be recorded as ETM. It is the responsibility of the owner/breeder to inform the society of the details at the time of registration
- [f] A pedigree calf whose birth shall not have been notified to the Society within 45 days from the date thereof as required by paragraph [a] of this Bye-Law may if otherwise eligible still be registered in the Society's Herd Book if its birth is notified to the Society in the manner provided in paragraph [a] of this Bye-Law within 60 days from the date of such birth and if at the time of such notification the prescribed fee is also paid to the Society. No calf shall be registered in the Society's Herd Book whose birth is not duly notified to the Society as provided by these Bye-Laws within 60 days from the date of such birth.
- [g] Animals not tendered for registration with the Society within the prescribed 60 days may be specially accepted in the Society's Herd Book by submission of such documentation as may from time to time be determined by the Board of the Society, including results of DNA parentage checking, and on payment of the prescribed fee.
- [h] In addition to the other requirements set out in these Bye Laws, special
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registration rules apply to the following:

(i) *a live female animal imported from outside the United Kingdom*, the member who owns that animal must submit a three generation export registration certificate from the country of origin;

(ii) *a live bull imported from outside the United Kingdom*, the member who owns that animal must submit a three generation export registration certificate and a DNA profile from the country of origin (or from UK if no DNA profile is carried out in the country of origin);

(iii) *bull semen imported from outside the United Kingdom*, the member who owns the semen must submit a three-generation pedigree certificate and a DNA profile supplied by the importing company at the time of registration.

[I] The Society will not accept the registrations of clones (European Union Rules)

(i) The Society will accept registration of progeny: -

If the dam or sire is an ETA (Canada)

If the dam or sire is an ETM (Canada)

If the dam or sire is an ETN (USA)

If the dam or sire is an ETS (USA)

Note; Recorded on certificate as:-

Canada: Cloned animal ETA. Embryo manipulated (split) ETM.

USA: Cloned animal ETN. Embryo manipulated (split) embryo ETS

12. Registration by telephone and/or internet may only be made upon prior arrangement with the Society whereupon the member will be issued with a Personal Identification Number (PIN number). The use of the PIN number in lieu of the breeder's signature will be deemed to be certification by the breeder as to the authenticity of the information supplied.

13 [a] For an animal submitted for registration an invoice/statement will be submitted to the member for immediate payment of the prescribed fee. Failure to pay the prescribed fee within one month of the invoice date will result in the registration of the animal being cancelled.

[b] With effect from the 1st January 2000, the Society will no longer accept a request for refund of unused registration form.

14. [a] On the entry of an animal in the Society's Herd book, the Society shall issue to the member requesting such entry a certificate of registration

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incorporating a pedigree extended to a maximum of three generations in respect of such animal. It is the member's responsibility to check the accuracy of the data recorded and return any incorrect certificates for correction.

- [b] On the entry of an animal in the Society's Herd book, the Society shall, on the instructions of the member, not issue a certificate of registration incorporating a pedigree extended to a maximum of three generations in respect of such animal, but retain that information in the herdbook until the owner requests a registration certificate, which will be provided on payment of the appropriate fee

Note: A subsequent registration certificate with updated pedigree information may be issued on payment of a re-issue fee and return of the original registration certificate.

- 15 [a] The Society's registration rules comply with European directive EU Directive 77/504/EEC and subsequent amendments