

## **Herdbook Rules of the Salers Cattle Society of Ireland Ltd. (January 2018)**

### **No. 1 Registers / Herd Book Contents**

The Salers Cattle Society of Ireland Ltd., here after known as the “Society“, shall maintain one or more registers as follows:

- a) A register of the particulars of the pedigree status and performance of pedigree Salers Cattle, here known as the "Animal/s".
- b) Such information as the Council may from time to time decide.

### **No.2 Membership**

- a) To be admitted a member of the Society by the Council, an applicant shall be the owner or part owner in Ireland, of a pure bred breeding Salers female eligible to be registered in an E.U. approved Herd Book, within 18 months of joining the Society. Each person on being admitted a member shall be given a copy of the current Herd Book Rules.
- b) Each member must make application to register an approved prefix name comprised of not more than 16 letters. This prefix name shall not have been allocated to another member of the Society, either in the past or present. This shall be applicable to all animals bred and notified by that member, either alone or jointly with any partners or other persons in any one Herd.
- c) A herd name that has been used by one member, may not contemporaneously be used by another member. Herd name transfers may be approved by the council at their discretion.
- d) Each member must sign a “White Form”, this form allows the Society access to the members Pedigree Salers Data through ICBF for Pedigree Registrations.
- e) It is a condition of membership of the Society, that all members undertake to partake in those elements of the Society’s breed improvement programme and that the Council may from time to time deem compulsory.
- f) Each member shall co-operate with any inspections that the Society may call to do as random spot checks etc. from time to time, with a minimum period notice of 24 hours.
- g) The Society shall have the right to maintain a computerised record of member’s transactions with the Society, and reserve the right to penalise members found in breach of procedures vital to the accurate maintenance and integrity of the Herd Book of the Society.
- h) The Society, if they so desire, may provide for Associate, Overseas or Commercial breeders, but these shall not enjoy the voting rights of the full members as under the articles of the Society.
- i) The Council may from time to time set or make changes to fees or penalties i.e. for membership, prefix, registration (homebred or imported), late notification penalties, embryo registration, export certification and transfer and any other current fees in force.

### **No. 3 Definitions of the Breeds Characteristics**

The Salers breed is red in colour with a white swish on the end of tail, grey hairs are allowed on the forehead (between the horns only) along the top of the neck along the top line to the tail head. One white spot allowed on the udder or in front of the udder, but must be behind the navel. No white allowed in front of the navel.

### **No. 4 Definitions of the Breeding Objectives.**

The breeding objective is to produce, “The Ultimate Suckler Cow“, achieved by early puberty, quick re-breeding, high conception rates, coupled with the breeds predictable calving ease and large pelvic structure.

## **No. 5 Conditions For Entering Cattle In The Herd Book.**

The Salers herdbook is divided into 2 sections, namely the main section and supplementary section. The criteria for entering these sections are as follows:

### **1. Main Section**

To qualify for entry in the main section of the herd-book of its breed an animal shall:

- (a) be descended from parents and grandparents entered in a herd-book of that same breed.
- (b) be identified at birth according to the rules of that herd book, and
- (c) have a pedigree established in accordance with the rules of that herd-book.

### **2. Supplementary Section**

The supplementary section is currently closed.

The Council may decide to open or close the supplementary section as they deem necessary.

This Class is for cattle that are not eligible to enter the Main Herd Book, however, never the less they meet the criteria as set out in E.U. and National Legislation and as set out in Rule 5(1).

## **No. 6 Imports / Exports**

### **1) Cattle**

- a) Each imported animal must be registered with the Society within three months from date of entry by submitting the official Herdbook Pedigree Certificate of the country of origin in accordance with Rule 5, plus beta-mannosidosis status of animal or late penalties apply.
- b) In the case if imported pregnant animals in addition to (a) above a Pedigree Certificate plus Beta-mannosidosis status and DNA typing of the sire of the in-utero calf must be produced.

### **2) Semen**

Where calves are born as the result of insemination / fertilisation with imported semen, registration or notification will only be accepted provided:

- a) That the conditions in paragraph (7.f) have been fulfilled

### **3) Embryos**

Imported embryos should be registered with the Society and the same criteria applies as for home produced embryos. Copies of official documentation must be supplied as appropriate, including copies of the official Herdbook and blood / DNA typing certificates of both donor animals, together with the appropriate fee.

### **4) Exports**

Exports of animals, embryos, semen etc. should comply with the national legislation in place at the time. Any animals being exported from Ireland must have an Export Pedigree Certificate which can be got from Society by the seller and all males must be DNA'd for Sire and Dam.

## **No. 7 Animals**

- a) All pedigree animals must be registered through ICBF, either in the Animal Events Recording Book or on-line, making sure to name a pedigree calf.
- b) The birth of a calf alive or dead, to any dam registered in the herd book, shall be notified to the society by the Breeder or his/her representative within 40 days of the date of birth of the calf. In the case of twin or multiple births, separate lines shall be used for each calf. Fees and late fees as per schedule of fees currently in force shall apply.
- c) All calves shall be identified by the National Cattle Identification Number.
- d) The Council reserves the right to refuse to accept the notification of birth of a calf where the data provided is deemed to be deficient or inaccurate.
- e) Where calves are born as the result of an insemination / service / fertilisation procedure from a bull not owned by the breeder, a certificate stating such shall be forwarded to the Society at the time of notification of birth. The official insemination certificate shall be forwarded to the Society. Where more than one insemination has been made, all the official insemination certificates must be forwarded.  
If it's A.I. and the technician has a hand held, it should go through the system automatically and the Society will pick it up. If a member does his own A.I it must be recorded through ICBF. The Society can request a DNA to confirm Sire, where there is a question disputing the sire.
- f) All sires used for breeding purposes must have been blood / DNA typed by an approval laboratory, before progeny can be accepted for notification of birth.
- g) In the case of embryo transfer, embryos must be notified to the Society on the appropriate triplicate embryo registration form, which must properly and accurately be filled out and signed by both the owner of the donor female and the representative of the approved collection team. Top copy of this form must be sent to the Society within fourteen days of the completion of the embryo collection procedure, be it direct recovery or other appropriate technique and be accompanied by the correct fees currently in force. Centre copy of the form should be retained by the approved embryo transfer team, and the bottom copy should be retained by the breeder.
- h) When an embryo duly notified as above, in any way changes its status by means of thawing, implantation, change of ownership etc., this change of status must be notified to the Society on an approved Embryo Amendment Form appropriately signed.
- i) In case of calves born as a result of embryo transfer, both donor sire and dam must be blood / DNA typed and the resultant calf must have its parentage verified by the approved laboratory within 6 months of birth.
- j) The cost of any blood / DNA typing will be paid by the member and the Society reserves the right to request the owner to do additional blood DNA typing at his / her own expense if thought necessary by the Council.
- k) The Society reserves the right to withdraw any certificate without refund, if at any time the

Society becomes aware that the Pedigree information on that animal is incorrect. The onus is on the breeder to ensure that all details on the Pedigree Certificate are correct. The Society will not be responsible for lost or mislaid forms.

l) The Society reserves the right to carry out, at their discretion, random blood / DNA typing, at the breeders expense, on all animals. In the event of an animal failing this verification, the Council may then decide to have all animals proposed for registration by the breeder blood or DNA typed for a period of time as is deemed necessary. The Society will DNA test 10 % of registrations annually.

m) Animals birth notification forms must include a hand written declaration of ownership and confirmation of the sire's natural insemination of the animal's dam, and a declaration of ownership, by the owner of the bull, in the case of a sire having been leased.

n) All animals notified for registration having reached the age of six (6) months have to be blood / DNA typed.

o) Only paid up members of the Society shall be allowed to register animals in the Society's Herd Book.

p) Each animal must be named, the name be that of the current Society year letter. For example the year letter for 2018 is T. Therefore each animal born in 2018 will have a name commencing with the letter T. Cancellation fees will apply if the calf is named and the registration not completed.

q) In the case of imported animals, initial of the country of origin and the year of importation must always follow in brackets the name of the animal. E.g. CKONE (FR 15)

#### **Country of origin for E.U. codes.**

BE	Belgium	DK	Denmark	FR	France
DE	Germany	EL	Greece	IE	Ireland
IT	Italy	PT	Portugal	LU	Luxembourg
NL	Netherlands	ES	Spain	UK	United Kingdom

#### **No. 8 Certification of Registration.**

a) On receipt of completed birth notification forms or relevant documentation of imported animals, the Society may issue a Pedigree Certificate. In the event of the Pedigree Certificate being withdrawn, no refund of fees will be made.

b) The results of official performance testing through ICBF for an individual animal can be found on the on-line herdbook, which can be found on the Herd Book Certificate.Livestock

Performance is carried out on behalf of the Society by ICBF. Animals in the Herdbook are assigned a Eurostar value which is a measure of their performance within the breed and across the breed.

c) Transfer of ownership, the purchaser of an animal should return the official pedigree certificate, together with the appropriate transfer fee to the Society to transfer into new breeders name.

## **No. 9 Members Register**

Members are obliged to keep a register containing a true accurate record of all their cattle eligible for registration by the Society. The dates and particulars of service and name, sex, date of birth, weights and sire of each calf shall be entered in the space provided before the appropriate birth registration is forwarded to the Society. The register shall be available at all times for inspection by the Society.

## **No. 10 Presentation / Documentation / Data protection and Limitations of Liability.**

a) A condition of membership is that the member agrees to the Society storing on computer, his / her transactions. Herd Book information or any other details which will be updated / maintained by the Society and / or any Society approved third party.

b) A condition of membership is that the member agrees to the Society publishing and / or supplying any and all information relating to his / her transaction / Herd Book information or any other detail which the Society or any Society approved third party may choose to publish from time to time.

c) A condition of membership is that the member agrees not to alter, change edit or amend any and all information presented on documentation supplied by the Society.

d) A condition of membership is that the member agrees not to represent themselves, their views, ideas or documentation as anything other than their own and a single subscriber of membership to the Society.

e) A condition of membership is that the member agrees to review all documentation which is supplied by the Society upon receipt to ensure that it is correct and complete.

f) A condition of membership is that the member agrees to return without delay any documentation supplied by the Society upon receipt on finding any document to be incorrect or in complete.

g) A condition of membership is that the member agrees to accept all legal responsibility for maintenance and presentation of documentation supplied by the Society related to any and all animals which the member has registered in the Society's Herd Book.

h) A condition of membership is that the member agrees to return to the Society any and all documentation upon written request from the Society when the Society so chooses for inspection, review, reissue of that documentation etc.

i) A condition of membership is that the member agrees to sole liability for any breach of his agreement, and where the Society may be liable, it will be limited to:

- 1) The replacement of the defective documentation where possible at no cost to the member.

- 2) If the above remedy is not applicable, to refund any fees paid by the member to the Society for that defective documentation.

### **No. 11 General Conditions.**

#### a) Alterations of Herd Book.

The Herd Book rules may be altered by the Board from time to time provided Board members shall have received notification of the intention to propose an amendment at the same time as notification of the relevant Board meeting is received. Any alterations, addition, deletion or other amendment of these Herd Book Rules shall be notified to each member within two weeks of the change being approved by the board.

#### b) Inspectors

Inspection of Registered animals may take place from time to time to make sure of the integrity of the Herd Book. An inspection fee may be charged and the fee will be set by the council. The inspection of animals in the Herd Book may result to the decision of the inspectors and the council as to what to do. Such inspectors will be appointed by the Society.

c) Should any question arise concerning the meaning, interpretation or application of these by-laws, the decision of the Board shall be binding.

### **No. 12 Non-Discrimination**

The Society shall operate in a non-discriminatory fashion towards its members.

### **No. 13 Appeals Procedure.**

The objective of this procedure is to provide a member who has a grievance with the society an opportunity to have the grievance examined and resolved at the earliest practical moment and at the most local level possible.

While the matter is being considered under the Appeals Procedure, the operation of the Society cannot be interrupted. The person(s) raising the matter shall continue to comply with the rules of the Society during the course of the examination of the matter in question. By so doing he/she will not create any precedent nor will his/her membership of the Society be prejudiced in any way in relation to the matter being processed.

The procedure to apply shall be as follows:

#### **Stage 1**

A member who feels aggrieved in relation to any matter pertaining to Society business should, in the first instance, write to the Chairman of the Council of the Society, making it clear that Stage 1 of the Appeals Procedure is being invoked. The Chairman will reply as soon as is reasonably practicable, but in any case within thirty days from receipt of the letter from the appellant.

## **Stage 2**

If the grievance is not resolved at Stage 1, or if a reply is not forthcoming from the Council Chairman within thirty days, the member(s) may request in writing, that at their next Council meeting, the Council allow the member(s) to attend the meeting during the period that the grievance is being considered. The member(s) will be allowed to make an oral submission on the grievance. The Council will then reconsider the issue and must communicate its decision to the appellant within thirty days.

## **Stage 3**

If the issue remains unresolved after Stage 2, the member(s) may request an independent hearing. The Council shall grant such a hearing. Appeals at Stage 3 will be heard by an individual or group of individuals with appropriate expertise, agreed by both parties to the dispute. From the date of appointment of the person(s) hearing the appeal, the case will be heard and the decision taken will be communicated to both parties within three months. The person(s) hearing the case will decide on the apportionment of costs, as appropriate.

## **Stage 4**

Any dispute that remains unresolved after Stage 3 may be pursued by invoking provisions under the legal personality of the Society: ICOS Rules or the 1963 Companies Act. The Society expects all its members to abide by the rules, regulations and standards established by the Society.

## **No. 14 Direct Debits.**

Direct Debit for payment of calf registrations is now available. By using Direct Debit this means no need to send cheques or notify society when calves are born as long as calves are named when registering with ICBF, this avoids late penalties. A statement, twelve days before payment is taken, detailing the registrations is sent out to the breeder who has signed up, allowing ample time to query the invoice if necessary.