



Registration of Imported Animals/Embryos/Semen

Importation of Live Cattle outside of Canada

To register **imported animals in Canada** from other countries, following are registry rules and regulation requirements:

1. The current owner must be the applicant for registration
2. Applicant must complete and submit:
 - an Import Application form,
 - Certificate of registration showing four (4) generations of ancestry from the originating country. This certificate must show the Canadian breeder as the current owner.
Note: At the discretion of the CSA, additional pedigree information may be requested (i.e. extended pedigree).
3. The Canadian owner must register the imported animal in Canada using the same animal name that appears on the original certificate.
4. The Canadian owner must tattoo imported animal using their tattoo letters.
5. All import animals presented for entry into the CSA Herd Book (except those originating in the United States) must be fully parentage verified prior to their admission to the CSA Herd Book. DNA or blood certificates from the originating country must accompany the certificate of registration.

Exception: Embryo Breeding - the resultant embryo calf that has been registered in the U.S., and now needs to be registered in Canada, must be DNA parentage verified.
6. Bulls are accepted and registerable as purebred if they are at least 15/16 Simmental breeding.
7. Females are accepted and registerable as purebred if they are at least 7/8 Simmental breeding.
8. If the animal is a bred female, the service sire must have a DNA test on file and a copy of the DNA certificate must accompany the import application form.
9. Letters from the original European registries stating that all animals which were imported into Canada were, in fact, fullblood must be retained on file for any imported animals for which parentage is missing in its five-generation pedigree in the Herd Book as of November 3, 1990.
10. Once the CSA registers the imported animal in Canada, the original Canadian certificate will be mailed to the person who is registering the animal.

Importation of Semen Outside of Canada

To register **imported semen in Canada** from other countries, following are registry rules and regulation requirements:

1. The original owner must have the bull from which the semen is drawn registered with its' country of origin
2. The bull from which the semen has been drawn must then be registered in Canada
3. To register this bull as semen sire, applicant must complete and submit:
 - an Import Application form,
 - copy of original certificate of registration showing four (4) generations of ancestry from the originating country.

Note: At the discretion of the CSA, additional pedigree information may be requested (i.e. extended pedigree).

4. The name of the bull that appears on the original registration certificate must be used when registering this semen sire in Canada.
5. The bull from which semen has been drawn, must be fully parentage verified prior to his admission to the CSA Herd Book. DNA certificates must accompany the certificate of registration.
6. The bull from which semen has been drawn outside of Canada and the United States after January 1, 1995 must be tested for all chromosomal abnormalities to be eligible for registration. Lab certificate must accompany the certificate of registration.
7. All semen entering Canada from any source beyond the Canadian border must be legally admitted by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. No application shall be made to the Association for a certificate of registration for progeny sired by semen imported without health of Animals approval. Any certificate obtained from the Association for progeny resulting from semen that is proven to be illegally imported into Canada is subject to cancellation by the Association.
8. Letters from the original European registries stating that all animals which were imported into Canada were, in fact, fullblood must be retained on file for any imported animals for which parentage is missing in its five-generation pedigree in the Herd Book as of November 3, 1990.

Importation of Embryos Outside of Canada

To register imported **embryos** from other countries, following are registry rules and regulation requirements:

1. The current owner must be the applicant for registration
2. To register import embryos, applicant must complete and submit:
 - an Import Application for the sire and dam
 - an Application for Registration for Embryo Transplant
 - Certificate of registration showing four (4) generations of ancestry for both sire and dam of embryo from the originating country.

Note: At the discretion of the CSA, additional pedigree information may be requested (i.e. extended pedigree).
3. All imported embryos presented for entry into the Herd Book must be fully parent verified. DNA or blood certificates of the sire and dam from the originating country must accompany the certificates of registration.
4. A transfer of ownership for embryo transplants is required (form issued by CSA only). If you have purchased a recipient cow who is carrying a live Simmental embryo or purchased an embryo, the completion of this form authorizes the purchaser to tattoo and register the calf in his own name.
5. The donor cow and sire are required to have karyotyping on file with the CSA office before the resultant embryo calf can be registered in the Herd Book. Donor cows and sires from the United States are exempt from this regulation.
6. Once the CSA registers the embryo animal in Canada, the original Canadian certificate will be mailed to the person who is registering the animal.