SPI Guidance Issue 1 – AI & ET Update

30 June 2012

SPI cannot register progeny unless you own the bull and the cow at the time of conception. If you wish to register progeny of the dam and the sire and you do not own them at the time of conception the following is the way that you may do it.

1. Artificial Insemination (AI)

If you are collecting semen from your own bull, you can do it on farm for your own use. If you are planning to sell the semen or to export it, you may wish to consider using a licensed AI collection centre.

When collecting, you must:

- Provide the SPI with a DNA profile of the sire, if that has not already been provided. If it has already been provided, it will show on the Speckle Park Animal Enquiry. For more information, see the Guidance Note on DNA; and
- Obtain an AI permit from SPI. The price for this is $45 plus GST.

If you are planning to sell semen and it is likely that the progeny may be registered, you should consider selling the semen with one or more AI Certificates (see attached). These are pre-printed and purchasable from SPI currently at $10 plus GST. Purchasers who are likely to want to register calves should request the requisite number of AI Certificates from the seller.

Where there are calves born by an AI sire not owned by the member, the member must supply to the Registrar an AI Certificate for each calf to be registered. Calves born from AI may only be registered upon presentation of the AI Certificate in respect of that calf. This AI Certificate must be purchased from the owner of the bull at a price determined by the parties. The bull will have been registered with the Society as an approved AI Sire and have all appropriate fees paid prior to AI Permit being issued from the Society to the sire’s owner.

2. Embryo Transfer (ET)

If you are using a female for ET, you must:

- Provide the SPI with a DNA profile of the dam, if that has not already been provided. If it has been provided, it will show on the Speckle Park Animal Enquiry. For more information, see the Guidance Note on DNA; and
- Obtain a donor dam permit from SPI. The price for this is $45 plus GST.
- Own the donor dam, and it must be registered, at the time of conception of the progeny.

If someone other than the owner of the dam wishes to register the progeny, that person must be able to supply SPI with an ET certificate. The owner of the dam shall provide this and the owner can purchase this from SPI currently $10 plus GST (see attached).

For calves born from ET where the Donor Dam is not owned by the member, the member is must supply to the Registrar an ET Certificate for each calf to be registered. That ET Certificate will be
supplied to the member by the owner/breeder of the Donor Dam at the time the embryo is purchased.

The Donor Dam will have been registered with the Society as an approved Donor Dam and have all appropriate fees paid prior to the Donor Dam permit being issued to the Donor Cow’s owner.

3. Embryo Transfer using purchased Semen

This is a combination of the first two items and the same process is used. If you own the ET dam and seek to register the ET progeny, then you must ensure that you have sufficient AI Certificates from the owner of the bull used.

If you have purchased the embryos from a third party, then you should ensure that you have sufficient ET Certificates from the owner of the dam and sufficient AI Certificates from the owner of the bull to be able to register the progeny.

4. Interim Arrangements

The above arrangements have been in train to be delivered since 2008 with various deadlines. The last date set for implementation was 1 January 2012. This means that members have tried to comply with the above requirements and have not been able to. For this reason the Board has decided that the implementation date will remain 1 January 2012 with some special arrangements to straddle the period from that date to 30 June 2012.

All Owners who have used a sire for AI collection and dams for donor collection at any time should now apply for the required AI Permit or ET Permit as relevant. This will ensure that anyone that you have sold the semen to or the embryos to will be able to register the progeny. To get the Permit, SPI will require a DNA profile of the dam and the sire.

Any owner that has sold semen where the progeny is likely to be registered may wish to issue AI Certificates to that member. Any progeny from AI born after 1 January, where the owner of the calf does not own the bull at the time of conception, will need to produce an AI certificate to enable registration. Where the buyer and seller have previously agreed on a price for the AI certificate, then the buyer should pay that price to the purchaser to obtain the AI Certificate. If a price has not been previously agreed, then SPI suggests that the buyer pays only the cost of the AI Certificate, namely $11 including GST.

Similar arrangements would apply to the progeny of embryos where the owner of the calf to be registered does not own the donor dam at the time of conception. If the embryo is produced by an AI sire that the owner of the calf does not own at the time of conception then an AI Certificate as well as the ET Certificate will be required.

To ensure that members are not disadvantaged by the above arrangements, the board has appointed a subcommittee to address any specific issues that may arise during its introduction. This subcommittee shall consist of Mark Baker, Chris Garvin and Greg Ebbeck through the Registrar, Ashlee.
This A.I. certificate is transferrable.

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OWNER ADDRESS: ..............................................................................................................................

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OWNER OF COW: .................................................................................................................................
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