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1. IDENTIFICATION

Each sheep in a registered flock must be identified before it is two months old by an ear-tag showing the prefix or registered flock number of the flock in which it was bred, the individual number of the sheep and its year of birth; and this identification must correspond with the breeder's private records.

2. TRANSFERS

No sheep/genetic material will be admitted to a registered flock unless transferred from a flock already registered in the Association's Flock Book or other Flock Book approved by the Council; or imported sheep certified as purebred by an overseas Flock Book Society approved by the Council.

The transfer of ownership of any registered sheep must be certified to the General Manager on forms supplied by the Association, within six months of the transfer being arranged. If notification is received more than six months after the transaction such penalty as the Council may from time to time determine may be imposed on either or both parties; and if more than a year after the transaction the transfer will not be recognised.

Rams must be single entered by the owner before they are transferred.

3. TRANSFER CERTIFICATE

The Certificate of Transfer must show the identification of each sheep and its registered number in the case of a ram or a single entered ewe; the identification and the registered number of the sire; the identification number of the dam and her registered number if single entered; and the identification and the registered number of the sire of dam.

4. INSPECTIONS

A flock owner wishing to transfer sheep from his registered flock must notify the Council through the General Manager who shall arrange for the sheep to be counted and reported upon by an inspector or inspectors appointed by the Council.

The inspection must be made before the sheep leave the owner's property.

The identification of each sheep approved for transfer will be recorded by the inspector, except in the case of Merino ewes being transferred into halfbred flocks. The inspector will record the identification of any sheep rejected and rejected sheep over one year old will be tattooed with a cross on the left ear.

Inspections will remain valid for six months from the date of inspection after which time a further inspection will be necessary. Sheep of all ages other than suckling lambs shall be subject to inspection.

Two inspectors are required for the complete dispersal of a flock.

All inspections are at the discretion of the General Manager.

Shropshires Ewes :- The inspection of Shropshire ewes is voluntary for private sales. Ewes being sold at auction or to new breeders require inspection.

Border Leicester Ewes :- The inspection of Border Leicester ewes is voluntary for private sales between registered breeders, but ewes being sold at auction or to new breeders require inspection.

Suffolk Ewes :- The compulsory inspection of Suffolk ewes before sale is abolished but the buyer or seller has the option of requesting an inspection before sale.

Poll Dorset Ewes :- The inspection of Poll Dorset ewes is voluntary for private

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sales between registered breeders, or upon request, but ewes being sold at auction or to new breeders require inspection.

South Suffolk Ewes :- The inspection of South Suffolk ewes is voluntary for private sales but ewes being sold at auction or to new breeders require inspection.

Dorset Down Ewes :- The inspection of Dorset Down ewes is voluntary for private sales between registered breeders, or upon request, but ewes being sold at auction or to new breeders require inspection.

Hampshire Ewes :- The inspection of Hampshire ewes is voluntary for private sales. Ewes being sold at auction or to new breeders require inspection.

Texel Ewes :- The inspection of Texel ewes is voluntary for private sales between registered breeders, but ewes being sold at auction or to new breeders require inspection.

East Friesian Ewes :- The inspection of East Friesian ewes is voluntary for private sales between registered breeders, but ewes being sold at auction or to new breeders require inspection.

Merino & Poll Merino Ewes :- The inspection of Merino and Poll Merino ewes is voluntary for private sales between registered breeders, or upon request, but upgrading flocks and ewes being sold at auction or to new breeders require inspection.

Dorper Rams & Ewes :- The inspection of Dorper rams and ewes is voluntary for private sales between registered breeders, but rams and ewes being sold at auction or to a new breeder require inspection. Between breeders either the vendor or purchaser can still require an inspection.

5. SINGLE ENTRY

All rams used in a registered flock for breeding must be entered singly, on forms supplied by the Association.

Ewes may be entered singly.

The particulars required for the single entry of any sheep are the prefix or registered number of its flock, and its own identification numbers and year of birth, and similar particulars of its sire, dam, and sire of dam.

A modified pedigree recording system is available at the owner's discretion for all registered New Zealand Merino Stud. To use this system the owner shall class and record the progeny of his registered ewes as follows :

- 1) Stud ewes : progeny must be fully recorded as to Sire, Dam and Sire of Dam.
- 2) Maiden Stud Ewes : the family of the sire (i.e. the Grandsire) of the progeny must be recorded. Progeny may be singly entered.
- 3) General Stud Ewes : lower grade mixed aged stud ewes. The family of the sire (i.e. the Grandsire) of the progeny must be recorded. Progeny may not be singly entered.
- 4) The total of maiden and general stud ewes shall not be more than one third of the total registered ewes mated in any year.

6. BREEDER'S RECORDS

Flock owners shall keep true and accurate records from which the sire, the dam, and the sire of the dam of every sheep in the flock can be readily ascertained.

In the modified pedigree recording system of the Merino breed the grandsire of sheep born in that system is the minimum pedigree that shall be recorded.

7. ANNUAL RETURNS

Owners of all registered flocks shall make a breeding return before 31st May in each year, upon the printed form supplied by the Association. The return must show the whole of the breeding flock and must give :- the number of ewes retained from the previous year and

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put to the ram; the number of maiden ewes (including ewe lambs if any) bred in the flock and put to the ram; the number of ewes and ewe lambs bought, and from whom, and put to the ram; the number of ewes retained in the flock and not put to the ram; the number of ram lambs and of ewe lambs docked; the number of ewes culled and the number of ewe lambs and of ram lambs culled; and the identification and registered numbers of each ram used in the flock in the current breeding season.

Sheep other than those returned will not be admitted to the Flock Book.

Any owner who fails to furnish an Annual Breeding Return for any year before 31st May in that year may be fined such amounts as the Council may from time to time determine. Any flock for which breeding returns have not been furnished for two years in succession will be removed from the Flock Book. If returns are omitted for one year they may be furnished the following year with that year's returns and recorded in the Flock Book at such extra charge as the Council may from time to time determine. Breeding returns for all breeds shall be made before 31st May in each year.

8. CULLING

The ewe lambs in each flock must, before the first of March in the year in which they become one shear, be culled by at least ten per cent calculated on the full number docked; save that in the case of Merino flocks such culling may be postponed until the ewes are one year older if they are not bred from as two tooth; no certificate entitling them to be entered in the Flock Book shall be given in respect of any sheep culled under this rule.

9. CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The owner of any ewes mated with registered rams not owned by him must lodge with the Association a Certificate of Service signed by the owner of the rams. The certificates of service printed on the back of the Annual Return form may be completed by the owner of the ram or rams and will be accepted as a certificate of service.

10. FLOCK BOOK

As soon after 31st May in each year as is practicable the Council shall publish the Association's Official "N.Z. Flock Book". This shall contain the records of all flocks registered with the Association as compiled from their Annual Returns.

11. IMPORTS

Imported sheep will be admitted to the Flock Book only on production of the certificate issued by the appropriate Flock Book Society. If no such Society's certificate is forthcoming, their admission will be at the discretion of the Council.

12. EXPORTS OF LIVE SHEEP AND GENETIC MATERIAL

Should the importing country require certification from the Association verifying the registered sheep/genetic material, the Registered Flock Owner who intends to export sheep from his registered flock must apply in writing to the Council for an Export Certificate. The Council shall appoint two inspectors who shall act in conjunction to report on the sheep and if the report is satisfactory, an Export Certificate will be issued. The certificate must be signed

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by the owner and endorsed by the General Manager of the Association. Any registered sheep passed for export must be tattooed by the inspectors with the Association's mark, the letters "F.B." in one ear and must carry a tag in one ear showing the registered prefix or the registered number of the flock in which it was bred. All registered rams for export must be entered singly. All costs of inspection, tattooing and ear-tagging must be borne by the owner.

A flock owner of sheep rejected for export may appeal to the Council for further inspection.

All sheep providing semen or fertilised ova embryos for export must be rigorously inspected by two Inspectors and rams tattooed "FB" in one ear. The registered flock owner must apply in writing to the Council for an Export Certificate. The Council shall appoint two inspectors who shall act in conjunction to report on the sheep and if the report is satisfactory, an Export Certificate will be issued.

13. ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION AND EMBRYO TRANSPLANTS

The owner of sheep mated by use of ovum embryo transplants or artificial insemination techniques must lodge with the Association an authorised veterinarian's certificate identifying the rams and ewes involved, this to be included with the breeder's Annual Return.

14. MEMBERSHIP

The Association will not recognise transfers of sheep of any breed except from one member of the Association registered as owner of a flock of that breed to another member of the Association registered as owner of a flock of that breed, or from a member of the Association registered as owner of a flock of that breed, or from a member of the Association to a person domiciled overseas. Any person wishing to register sheep with the Association must first become a member of the Association.

Where a recognised breed of sheep applies for registration in the New Zealand Flock Book, the Council may accept the breed as a whole provided the breed is prepared to conform to the Rules and Regulations of the New Zealand Sheepbreeders' Association.

15. REGISTRATION OF NEW FLOCKS

Any person wishing to register a new flock must within six months of acquiring the sheep apply for registration on a form supplied by the Association. The application must be accompanied by the appropriate transfer certificates and all the prescribed fees. If the application is made more than six months after the date of the transfer certificate double fees will be payable and if after twelve months the application will not be accepted.

16. PREFIX

Flock owners are required to submit to the Council for approval and registration a word to be used as a prefix for their flocks. The registered prefix shall be reserved for the use of the flock owner and shall be used for all sheep born in his flock. The purchaser of a registered flock shall have no right to the previous owner's prefix without his written consent and the approval of the Council. If any flock owner should neglect to register a prefix the Council may allot a prefix and may register the same in his name.

17. BRUCELLOSIS ACCREDITATION

Transfer certificates for ewes will only be accepted from brucellosis accredited flocks

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and transfer certificates for rams will be accepted from accredited flocks or flocks in the process of being accredited. Rams from flocks in the process of being accredited will have to be blood tested.

18. FLOCK ORDER

That any new registered flocks, excluding immediate family, to be placed at the back of the NZ Flock Book, even if they purchase a registered flock in its entirety?

19 FEES

Entrance \$35.00.

Registration: \$30.00.

Subscription: Per flock: \$155.00 plus 40 cents a mated ewe.

The Flock Book will be available online this year, but the printed book is available for \$35.00 per copy for members.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE PAYABLE IN ADVANCE AND ARE DUE ON THE 1ST APRIL EACH YEAR.

Registration fee of \$1.40 per head for maiden ewes (including ewe lambs) brought into the flock annually for breeding.

Registration of prefix: \$10.00

Single Entry: Rams \$20.00, Ewes \$5.00. All Stud Rams must be registered singly, by the breeder, BEFORE BEING TRANSFERRED. If not so registered, double fees are chargeable.

Transfer Fee: Rams, \$12.00 each; ewes, \$10.00 for first sheep and \$1.00 each sheep thereafter.

Inspection: \$30.00 for the first 20 sheep or part thereof and 20 cents a head thereafter. Travelling expenses at current motor vehicle allowance rates.

Export Certificate: \$40 for the first sheep and \$4 a head thereafter for each individual transfer or consignment to different purchasers sold at any one time.

Fine for Late Returns: \$5.00 per week.

NZSBA Pedigree Database - 20 cents per ewe plus an annual fee of \$24.00.

The above fees are exclusive of G.S.T.

N.B. Fees are reviewed by Council in July each year and are subject to alteration.

Interest may be charged on overdue accounts.

NEW ZEALAND SHEEPBREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

1. To foster the improvement of all sheep breeds and provide a unified body whose collective voice has a beneficial effect on the total N.Z sheep industry.
2. To maintain the purity of all sheep breeds within the jurisdiction of the Association and to appoint breed inspectors and show judges to safeguard breed standards and encourage breed field days and trials.
3. To collect, verify and store pedigree information for the registration of purebred sheep and to publish the N.Z. Flock Book annually.
4. To encourage studbreeders to performance record, thereby allowing a comparison of individual animals to be made within a stud flock and identify the top performance sires within a breed and encourage their use.
5. To educate members and the general public regarding the use of registered stud rams in the production of meat and/or wool and their overall affect on the New Zealand economy.