



SEMEN ROYALTY SCHEME

1.BACKGROUND

Any full member of the British Charolais Cattle Society who owns a registered British Charolais bull is entitled to charge a stud fee for any semen from the said bull which is used in AI for pedigree breeding. By common practice, semen intended for pedigree breeding is sold at a higher price than that which intended solely for use in a commercial herd. However, unless special assistance is given by the Society the owner of such a bull is not always able to ensure that semen which has been sold at a lower price for commercial use is not then used for pedigree breeding.

In order to overcome this difficulty, the Society introduced the Semen Royalty Scheme on 21st September 1988 at the European Dairy Farming Event, Stoneleigh. All progeny registered after 1st July 1989 sired by bulls on the Scheme will be required to pay a Semen Royalty Fee.

Owners of bulls put forward for the Scheme must undertake to provide a calving history, copies of which are available from the Society office on request.

2.FUNCTION

All semen taken from an AI bull entered in the Scheme, i.e. a Semen Royalty Bull, is to be marketed at a price consistent with that associated with commercial cross breeding, such price to be determined by the owner of the bull in conjunction with his AI Centre/organisation/contractor. Thereafter, any member who purchases this semen may use it for pedigree breeding without further authority.

However, prior to the Society registering any pedigree calf got by AI from a Semen Royalty Bull, the breeder registering the said calf will be charged a Semen Royalty fee which, is payable to the owner of the bull via the B.C.C.S.

3.ELIGIBILITY OF BULLS

Only bulls which have been approved by AI by both the Ministry and the Society may be entered in the Scheme. In order that the Scheme may properly function it is desirable that no marketing of semen from potential Scheme bulls has occurred prior to their being offered for the Scheme.

Bulls must also be DNA typed for sire verification.

4.ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

An entry fee of £50 is levied for each bull entered on the Scheme to cover administrative, printing and advertising costs. At the same time, the owner of the bull is required to sign a declaration of willingness to abide by the rules of the Scheme and to specify the fee to be charged.

4. SEMEN ROYALTIES

a) Semen Royalties may only be claimed by the bona fide owner of the bull's pedigree AI semen rights. In relation to this Scheme, the term 'bona fide owner' refers to:

- i) an individual who is a full member of the B.C.C.S
- ii) a syndicate of which at least one component member is a full member of the B.C.C.S

b) It is not possible under this Scheme for Semen Royalties to be claimed by or paid to more than one 'bona fide owner' at the same time, i.e. should a Semen Royalty bull be transferred to the ownership of another, the AI Pedigree semen rights must either be retained in total by the vendor or transferred in total to the purchaser at an agreed date, such date to coincide with birth of progeny. Such transfer shall also include the right to claim Royalties on all births registered after the agreed date of transfer of rights resulting from semen sold prior to the aforesaid transfer of the bull.

c) Upon initial entry to the Scheme the bull's Semen Royalty fee may be fixed at a level chosen by the owner of the semen rights but thereafter may only be amended once annually on 1st January. A period of 18 months notice of intent must be lodged with the Society office to enable the membership to be properly notified.

d) Semen Royalties shall be published by the Society in the Society's own publications and also circulated to all AI centres in the U.K. Additionally, details of the Scheme will be made known to all new members upon joining the Society.

e) A charge of £3 plus V.A.T is issued to the owner of a Semen Royalty bull upon receipt of any Semen Royalty Fees received. Such fee may be reviewed by the Council of Management from time to time.

6. REGISTRATION OF A SEMEN ROYALTY CALF

Any member wishing to register a pedigree calf got by AI from a Semen Royalty bull shall only be permitted to do so if the following documents are submitted to the Society office:

- a) a properly completed Birth Registration form, if not notifying by telephone or online
- b) the relevant Semen Royalty fee

7. Should a female in calf to a Semen Royalty bull be sold, the purchaser is responsible for payment of the Royalty fee to the B.C.C.S

8. If a bull on the Scheme has not had a calf registered for two years by a breeder other than the owner of the Semen Royalty bull, the Semen Royalty bull will be removed from the list. The bull will be replaced on the Semen Royalty list if further calves are registered by Charolais breeders other than the owner of the bull.

N.B All fees are subject to V.A.T at the current rate.