



SEMEN ROYALTY SCHEME

Information

1. BACKGROUND

Any full member of the British Charolais Cattle Society who owns a registered British Charolais bull is entitled to charge a royalty fee for any semen from his bull which is used in AI for pedigree breeding. If membership of the Society lapses any bulls previously entered on the scheme to that individual will be withdrawn from the scheme.

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 for AI by both the relevant AI licensing authority (where applicable) and the Society may be entered onto the Scheme.

In order that the scheme may properly function semen must not be distributed anywhere in the World from potential scheme bulls prior to them being entered for the scheme.

Only bulls which have been DNA SNP tested (with a minimum of 554 ICAR markers or at least 200 ISAG markers.), at least sire verified, myostatin tested for the Q204x and F94L genes, as well as be tested and be free from the Progressive Ataxia gene, will be accepted to go onto the scheme.

For imported semen from a Charolais bull that meets the requirement of Bye-Law 2.3, the semen royalty payments must be made through an agent who is a fully paid up member of the BCCS.

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 royalty fees due will be collected by the BCCS and will thereafter be paid to the bona fide owner of a bull's pedigree AI semen royalty rights. In relation to this scheme the term 'bona fide owner' refers either to:

(i) An individual who is a full member of the BCCS, or

(ii) A syndicate of which at least one component number is a full member of the BCCS.

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. This means that if ownership of a semen royalty bull is to be transferred the AI pedigree semen royalty rights must either be retained in total by the vendor or transferred in total to the purchaser as at an agreed date of registration of progeny. Where these semen rights are transferred to the purchaser this must also include the right to claim royalties on all semen which has been sold prior to the aforesaid transfer of the bull and resulting in births after the agreed date of transfer of rights.

c) Where a member sells a bull and retains a stated quantity of semen and the bull is subsequently entered into the Semen Royalty Scheme by the purchaser the vendor will be eligible to register pedigree cattle by the given bull under his prefix without having to pay the royalty fee. Subsequent progeny from females sold in calf to the royalty bull by the original vendor either privately or at auction will be subject to pay the royalty fee as stated.

d) Upon initial entry to the scheme a bull's semen royalty fee may be fixed at any level chosen by the owner of the semen rights but thereafter may only be increased annually on 1st January and after having previously given 18 months notice to the Society's office of the intention to do so (to enable advance notice to be given to members). Reductions in semen royalty fees may be notified to the Society and introduced at any time.

e) Semen royalties will be published by the BCCS on an annual basis in a BCCS publication and the Society's website. Additionally details of the scheme will be made known to all new members upon joining the Society.

f) The Council of Management of the BCCS Ltd reserve the right to refuse any Charolais bull onto the British Charolais Semen Royalty Scheme.

g) The BCCS will collect the appropriate semen royalty fees on behalf of the 'bona fide owner' and credit their account accordingly. An administration fee £3 plus VAT will be applied for provision of this service.

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

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

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.



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DECLARATION**

(to be signed by the owner of a Semen Royalty Bull)

I, (name)

Of (address)

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Hereby enter my bull

Herd Book Number Into the B.C.C.S Semen Royalty Scheme

My Semen Royalty Fee is £

My Straw Fee is £.....

Straws will be sold and distributed by.....

BCCS Membership Number:.....

I hereby certify that I have read Bye Law 6 and the Semen Royalty Information Sheet. I will abide by the rules and conditions of the Scheme, and I understand that any breach of these rules and conditions will result in the immediate withdrawal of my bull from the Scheme.

I confirm that no semen has been sold or given away prior to the bull being entered onto the Semen Royalty Scheme.

Signed

Date

Please complete and return to the Society at the address below
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Or email Charolais@charolais.co.uk