

**RULES AND REGULATIONS  
DROUGHTMASTER STUD BREEDERS' SOCIETY  
LIMITED**

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### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The definition of a Droughtmaster is set out in the Standard of Excellence in the Droughtmaster Stud Breeders' Society Limited (the 'Society') Constitution. The purpose of the Rules and Regulations is to define and regulate the registration, certification, breeding, exhibiting, disposal, transfer, and sale of Droughtmasters.

### 2. REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATION OF ANIMALS

- 2.1 The Society will maintain the Droughtmaster Herd Database ('Herd Database').
- 2.2 Members may apply to the Society for registration of animals in the Herd Database and must do so using the prescribed form.
- 2.3 When an animal is registered by the Society and entered in the Herd Database, the animal will be deemed to be duly recorded as a Droughtmaster in accordance with the status specified.
- 2.4 To qualify for registration and entry to the Herd Database as a Droughtmaster, the following applies:
- (a) the owner must keep a record of the date of birth of each animal and submit the date of birth at registration.
  - (b) the name and registration number of both the sire and dam of the animal to be registered, must be submitted to the Society. No animal will be registered unless its dam and sire have been registered by the Society and entered in the Herd Database.
  - (c) the progeny of a female that was running with multiple sires at the time of conception, can be registered in the Herd Database, if the following have been satisfied:
    - i. all bulls used in the multiple sire group are registered in the Herd Database; **and**
    - ii. all bulls used as multiple sires have been nominated as potential sires of the progeny; **or**
    - iii. the progeny has been sire verified by DNA.
- The progeny of a multiple sire mating will be registered as D2 or D3 unless sire verification by DNA has been undertaken and the results have been provided to the Society whereupon they will be recorded in the Herd Database and thereafter, administered by the Society.
- (d) the progeny of a Pompes E7 gene positive sire or dam, either through natural mating or artificial breeding, must be tested for the Pompes E7 gene and the results provided to the Society whereupon they will be recorded in the Herd Database and thereafter, administered by the Society.
  - (e) all animals submitted for registration to the Herd Database must bear a unique identification number that is a permanent brand or tattoo.
  - (f) A member submitting an animal for registration must certify that the animal complies with the description of a Droughtmaster and conforms to the

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desirable or acceptable characteristics recorded in the Standard of Excellence as set out in the Constitution and these Rules and Regulations.

- (g) any of the conditions listed below will disqualify animals from registration in the Herd Database, and participation in Society Sponsored Sales, Feature Shows, Futurities, Royal Shows and Beef Expos:
- i. Double ears, defined as any unusual hair or skin formation appearing on the outer area of the ear(s);
  - ii. Broken colours & excessive amounts of colour other than the colour red;
  - iii. Head defects - abnormal nose (twisted and/or bent) or abnormal jaw;
  - iv. Structure - Abnormal gait, legs, or feet;
  - v. Underline - any evidence of hernia or prolapse;
  - vi. Scrotum – abnormal scrotum and/or testes; or
  - vii. Udder – abnormal udder or teats.

2.5 On receipt of an application to register an animal in the Herd Database in accordance with these Rules and Regulations, the Society will, having regard to the information provided by the member/owner of an animal in the application, and any other information the Society considers relevant, either:

- (a) register an animal as a D1, D2, D3, D4 or D5 in accordance with the 'D' Rating System set out below, and make the appropriate entry in the Herd Database; or
- (b) refer the application to a classifier as provided for in these Rules and Regulations, and subsequently act on the decision of the classifier.

2.6 On registration of an animal in the Herd Database:

- (a) the Society will issue a certificate of such registration for D3, D4 & D5 and thereafter, the member/owner is entitled to use the trade mark 'Droughtmaster' when describing that animal as a registered Droughtmaster. D1 & D2 certificates will only be issued if requested.
- (b) the horn status indicated by the suffix 'H', 'P', 'S' must follow the animal's name or number where the animal is referred to in any document.
- (c) the Breeder's prefix under which an animal is registered cannot be altered by any subsequent owner; however, if the animal has not been named by the breeder, the new owner may apply to the Society for a name of the owner's choice to be added to the Breeder's prefix.

### **2.7 D Rating System**

The Droughtmaster D Rating System was established to enable breeders to progress their cattle through the system of breeding and inspections by Classifiers to reach purebred or D5 status.

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The D1 to D5 system is based upon recognition of generations of breeding. While these generations already exist, the 'D' system accurately defines the generation of the progeny resulting from the mating of varying generations of cattle.

These Rules and Regulations provide the basis of the D Rating System and the requirements outlined below are mandatory. The System provides an important method of adding or improving desirable characteristics by adding to the gene pool of the original Droughtmaster.

This system of personal inspection and classification, in addition to advice and guidance given to breeders, ensures that a standard and uniformity based on the Standard of Excellence as set out in the Constitution for the breed, is maintained.

The Droughtmaster Standard of Excellence as set out in the Constitution is the basis of all classifications and inspections and both stud breeders and the Classifier have a responsibility to ensure that only those animals that meet the necessary standards are registered or offered for sale.

**D1** Females of between 25% and 75% Bos Indicus blood and exhibiting approximately half Bos Indicus characteristics and which are over the age of twelve months, may be entered in the Herd Database as D1, if in the opinion of the classifier or the owner-breeder, (if the owner-breeder has been a member for more than 10 years) the female would improve the standard of the Droughtmaster breed.

Exceptional quality D1 eligible Droughtmaster females can be nominated as a D2 if the female is inspected and approved by a Society classifier or nominated by the owner/breeder if the owner-breeder has been a stud member of the Society for more than 10 years).

**D2** Progeny of D1 animal, mated with D2, D3, D4 or D5 animal. D2 also includes a female that has been approved by a classifier OR approved by the owner-breeder of the animal as suitable for registration as D2 and complies with the Standard of Excellence as set out in the Constitution. (The owner-breeder must have been a member for more than 10 years (Rule 7.2) or meet the requirements of Rule 7.3 of these Rules and Regulations.

**D3** The progeny of D2 animals of one sex and D2, D3, D4 or D5 animals of the other sex that comply with the Standard of Excellence as set out in the Constitution.

**D4** The progeny of D3 animals of one sex and D3, D4, or D5 animals of the other sex that comply with the Standard of Excellence as set out in the Constitution.

**D5** The progeny of D4 animals of one sex and D4 or D5 animals of the other sex may be selected by the breeder for D5 registration, if the animal complies with the Standard of Excellence as set out in the Constitution and these Rules and Regulations. Any animal not so registered will remain unregistered.

The progeny of D5 males and females will be eligible to be registered as D5 provided they comply with the Standard of Excellence as set out in the Constitution and the Rules and Regulations.

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D5 shall be referred to as '*purebred*'.

- 2.8 All joining sires of animals born after 1 April 2022, that are to be calf recorded or registered, must be DNA profiled and tested for the Pompes E7 gene and the results provided to the Society whereupon they will be recorded in the Herd Database and thereafter, maintained by the Society. Animals born after 1 April 2022 cannot be calf recorded or registered in the Herd Database, unless, and until, this requirement has been satisfied.
- 2.8A The joining sires of females to be registered as a D1 or D2 are not required to be DNA profiled or tested for the Pompes E7 gene.
- 2.8B An exception to clause 2.8 above will only apply in the following circumstances:
- (a) the joining sire is deceased or inaccessible to the member seeking to register the progeny; and
  - (b) the joining sire was not DNA profiled or tested for the Pompes E7 gene and no hair or tissue samples were collected and stored for this purpose; and
  - (c) there are no straws of the joining sire's semen available to the breeder from which a DNA profile and Pompes test could be conducted; and
  - (d) the progeny of joining sire that are to be registered or calf recorded have been DNA profiled and tested for the Pompes E7 gene, and the results have been submitted to the Society; and
  - (e) an application to register the progeny has been approved by the Board.
- 2.9 In circumstances where a discrepancy is identified, or a dispute arises in relation to the parentage, gender, or recessive gene status of an animal, and the discrepancy or dispute may be resolved by DNA testing, the Society reserves the right to require the animal, the subject of the discrepancy or dispute, be DNA tested and the results be provided to the Society.
- 2.10 In circumstances where a discrepancy in the pedigree of an animal is identified post-registration, the following procedures will apply:
- (a) Where DNA data indicates unresolved discrepancies in the recorded parentage, gender, or recessive gene status of an animal born prior to 1 August 2019, the recorded information and the animal's registration status will remain unchanged.
  - (b) Where DNA data indicates unresolved discrepancies in the recorded parentage, gender, or recessive gene status of an animal born after 1 August 2019, the erroneous information will be removed from the Herd Database and the animal's registration status will be revoked until the discrepancies are resolved.
- 2.11 A registered female may be culled from the Herd Database by notifying the Society, after which the female will be deemed to be inactive. An inventory fee reversal will be applied in relation to culled females if the female is removed from the inventory prior to July 31 immediately following the issue of Inventory Records to members. A claim for an inventory fee reversal in relation to a culled female will not be accepted if it is received by the Society after July 31.

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- 2.12 When a new member joins the Society, any inactive registered cattle that the new member may own at the time they join the Society, may be placed on their inventory without incurring reactivation fees or past inventory fees. This rule only applies in circumstances where the cattle are inactive for reason that they were sold to a buyer who was not, at the relevant time, a member of the Society. The rule does not apply if the cattle had been removed from the Herd Database by the vendor, prior to the sale of the cattle.
- 2.13 The age at which a female becomes active on the Droughtmaster inventory, and is chargeable, is 20 months, and will be charged on the following 1 April.
- 2.14 A registered bull will cease to be active on the Herd Database upon reaching the age of 15 years unless the Society is otherwise notified.

### **3. APPROVED BULLS**

- 3.1 To qualify for registration and entry of an Approved Bull in the Herd Database, a member must apply in writing to the Society.
- 3.2 Any bull nominated as an Approved Bull must conform to the Droughtmaster Standard of Excellence set out in the Constitution and these Rules and Regulations.
- 3.3 Any bull nominated as an Approved Bull must be short coated and the progeny, when inspected, must be tropical in appearance and have a coat type typical of the Droughtmaster breed.
- 3.4 A Panel of Classifiers must inspect any bull nominated for Approved Bull status, and its progeny. Inspection can take place either in person, or by video recordings, or other forms of technology that enables a complete visual examination of the Bull, including the Bull's identification number and brand, and that of its progeny.
- 3.5 An Approved Bull will be allotted a rating of 'Approved Bull', which will be equivalent to a rating of D1.
- 3.6 'Approved Bull' fees are to be reviewed from time to time at the Board's discretion and included in the Fee Schedule.
- 3.7 Approved Bulls cannot be exhibited at Droughtmaster Feature Shows, Futurities, Royal Shows or Beef Expos.
- 3.8 Prior to registration in the Herd Database, the Approved Bull must be DNA Profiled and tested negative for the Pompes E7 gene, and the results provided to the Society whereupon they will be recorded in the Herd Database and thereafter, maintained by the Society.
- 3.9 The following records must be recorded and retained by the Society:
- (a) A photograph of the Approved Bull in which the Bull's identification number/brand is clearly visible; and
  - (b) Photographs of the progeny that were inspected by the Panel of Classifiers; and
  - (c) Written recommendations provided by the Panel of Classifiers.

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### **4. APPROVED FEMALES**

- 4.1 To qualify for registration and entry of an Approved Female in the Herd Database, a member must apply in writing to the Society.
- 4.2 Any female nominated as an Approved Female, must conform to the Droughtmaster Standard of Excellence set out in the Constitution and these Rules and Regulations.
- 4.3 Any female nominated as an Approved Female must be short coated and the progeny, when inspected, must be tropical in appearance and have a coat type typical of the Droughtmaster breed.
- 4.4 Any female nominated for Approved Female status must be inspected by a Panel of Classifiers and must have at least one (1) progeny on the ground and available for inspection. The progeny that is to be inspected by the Panel of Classifiers must be sired by a registered Droughtmaster Bull. Inspection of the female and its progeny can take place either in person, or by video recordings, or other forms of technology that enables a complete visual examination of the Female, including the Female's identification number and brand, and its progeny.
- 4.7 An Approved Female will be allotted a rating of 'Approved Female', which will be equivalent to a rating of D1.
- 4.8 'Approved Female' fees are to be reviewed from time to time at the Board's discretion and included in the Fee Schedule.
- 4.9 'Approved Females' cannot be exhibited at Droughtmaster Feature Shows, Futurities, Royal Shows or Beef Expos.
- 4.10 Prior to registration in the Herd Database, the Approved Female must be DNA Profiled and tested negative for the Pompes E7 gene and the results provided to the Society whereupon they will be recorded in the Herd Database and thereafter, maintained by the Society.
- 4.11 The following records must be recorded and retained by the Society:
  - (a) A photograph of the Approved Female in which the Female's identification number/brand is clearly visible; and
  - (b) Photographs of the progeny that were inspected by the Panel of Classifiers; and
  - (c) Written recommendations provided by the Panel of Classifiers.

### **5. CERTIFIED BULL**

- 5.1 To qualify for registration and entry of a Certified Bull in the Herd Database, a stud member must apply in writing to the Society.
- 5.2 A bull that is nominated for Certified Bull status must be a purebred Droughtmaster, must come from a Droughtmaster herd, and must conform to the Standard of Excellence as set out by the Constitution and these Rules and Regulations.
- 5.3 A bull that is nominated for Certified Bull status must be bred by the applicant and must be identified with a firebrand number.

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- 5.4 A bull nominated for Certified Bull status must have at least ten (10) progeny on the ground before inspection takes place. Both male and female progeny must be represented.
- 5.5 A Panel of Classifiers must:
- (a) Inspect the Bull; and
  - (b) Inspect at least ten (10) Droughtmaster progeny of the Bull; and
  - (c) View the herd from which the Bull was bred; and
  - (d) Make recommendations to the Society regarding the registration of the Bull as a Certified Bull.
- 5.6 Inspection of the Bull and its progeny and viewing of the herd from which the Bull was bred, can take place either in person, or by video recordings, or other forms of technology that enables a complete visual examination of the Bull, including the bull's identification number and firebrand number, its progeny, and the herd from which it was bred.
- 5.7 Upon the Panel of Classifiers' recommendation to register a Certified Bull, the Society will register the Bull and enter the bull's details in the Herd Database and advise the Member of the registration of the Certified Bull and his identification number.
- 5.8 The term 'Certified' will be included in the registration details of the bull in the Herd Database.
- 5.9 A Certified Bull will be allotted a rating of D3 and can be joined to females at all rating levels (D1 through to D5). The progeny from these matings will be rated at one level above the lowest rating parent (e.g. D3 bull + D4 dam = D4 calf; D3 bull + D2 dam = D3 calf).
- 5.10 The Certification Fee will be reviewed from time to time at the Board's discretion and included in the Fee Schedule.
- 5.11 Certified bulls cannot be exhibited at Droughtmaster Feature Shows, Futurities, Royal Shows & Beef Expos.
- 5.12 Prior to registration in the Herd Database, the Certified Bull must be DNA Profiled and tested negative for the Pompes E7 gene and the results provided to the Society and recorded in the Herd Database and thereafter, maintained by the Society.

## **6. CALVES**

- 6.1 A registered calf that is sold with its dam will incur a separate transfer fee.
- 6.2 Where a calf is too young to brand or tattoo (less than 3 months) at the time of sale with its dam, the Vendor must record on the dam's transfer:
- (a) the sire of the calf
  - (b) the sex of the calf
  - (c) the birth date of the calf
  - (d) information that the calf is not registered on the Herd Database

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- 6.3 The purchaser, at the appropriate time, may apply to the Society to register the calf and do so under their prefix and place their registered brand or tattoo on the calf and the calf's identification number.

## 7. CLASSIFYING

### Approval to Classify

- 7.1 The Board may approve as classifiers, members or officers of the Society who meet the classifier's criteria as provided for in the Classifier Policy.
- 7.2 A stud member who has been a member of the Society for ten or more years, may classify their own D1 and D2 females. For all other members, the member must apply to the Society for a classifier to classify their D1 and D2 females.
- 7.3 The Board may make allowances for members who do not meet the ten-year membership requirement, if the member can demonstrate that they have skills and experience that would equate to that of a person who has been a stud member of ten or more years.

### Panel of Classifiers

- 7.4 A Panel of no less than three Classifiers may:
- (f) Inspect a bull that has been nominated for 'Approved Bull' status and make recommendations to the Board.
  - (g) Inspect a bull that has been nominated for 'Certified Bull' status and make recommendations to the Board.
  - (h) Inspect a female that has been nominated for 'Approved Female' status and make recommendations to the Board.
  - (i) Inspect and determine if an animal registered and entered in the Herd Database should be removed from the Herd Database.
  - (j) Review and inquire into any animal offered for sale by a member, to determine whether that animal does have the Droughtmaster status which that person claims the animal to have.
- 7.5 Inspection can take place either in person, or by video recordings, or other forms of technology that enables a complete visual examination of the animals that are to be inspected, including the animal's identification and firebrand number.
- 7.6 A Panel of Classifiers must conduct itself within the law and to that end, obtain prior consent from the property owner to enter the property for the purposes of inspecting a bull or a female.
- 7.7 Following an inspection, a Panel of Classifiers must advise the Board of its decision and recommendation.
- 7.8 If the Board accepts the Panel of Classifiers' decision to approve/certify an animal, the Board will advise the Member in writing and the animal will be registered on the Herd Database.

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- 7.9 If the recommendation of the Panel of Classifiers is that the animal should not be registered, or otherwise makes a recommendation about an animal, the Board will advise the Member in writing.
- 7.10 If a member does not accept the decision of the Board, the member may request the Board appoint a second Panel of Classifiers. This request must be made within 30 days of receipt of the Board's decision. If appointed, the second Panel will conduct a further inspection of the animal. The second Panel must advise the Board of its decision and recommendation.
- 7.11 The decision of the Board following the second inspection will be final and binding.
- 7.12 A classifying fee may apply if the Classifier claims travelling costs. The fee will equate to the expenses that are claimed.
- 7.13 A fee in relation to the second inspection will only be required if the first decision is not upheld.

## 8. ARTIFICIAL BREEDING

- 8.1 Artificial breeding includes Artificial Insemination (AI), Embryo Transfer (ET), and In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) and incorporates rules relating to semen and its use in artificial breeding, embryos and their use in artificial breeding, requirements for the registration of progeny from artificial breeding, and Genetics.

### Semen

- 8.2 All joining sires of animals born after 1 April 2022 (either through natural mating or artificial breeding) must be DNA profiled and tested for the Pompes E7 gene, and the results provided to the Society whereupon they will be recorded in the Herd Database and thereafter, maintained by the Society.
- 8.3 Animals born after 1 April 2022 cannot be calf recorded or registered in the Herd Database, unless, and until its sire has been DNA profiled and tested for the Pompes E7 gene, and the results provided to the Society. An exception to this requirement will apply in circumstances where the Board has granted approval for the animal to be registered without a DNA profile pursuant Rule 2.8B in these Rules and Regulations.
- 8.4 To be eligible for registration, progeny of Pompes positive sires (either through natural mating or artificial breeding by the owner of the Pompes positive sire) must be tested for the Pompes E7 gene, and the results provided to the Society whereupon they will be recorded in the Herd Database and thereafter, maintained by the Society.
- 8.5 When a bull's semen is sold or gifted to another breeder, the following must occur:
- (a) the bull must be DNA profiled and tested negative for the Pompes E7 gene; **and**
  - (b) the results of these tests must be provided to the Society whereupon they will be recorded in the Herd Database and thereafter, maintained by the Society; **and**

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- (c) a Sire Authorisation Certificate must be completed by the Vendor/Owner of the bull, or the person authorised by law to sell or gift the semen, and thereafter, submitted to the Society; **and**
  - (d) a copy of the Sire Authorisation Certificate or other document evidencing authority to register progeny (i.e. invoice of sale upon which authorisation to register is noted) must be provided to the buyer/recipient of the semen.
- 8.6 The progeny of artificial breeding achieved through purchased or gifted semen, will not be calf recorded or registered in the Herd Database, unless and until the requirements set out in clause 8.5 (a)-(d) above have been satisfied.
- 8.7 Exceptions to clauses 8.5 & 8.6 above will only apply in the following circumstances:
- (a) where there is no DNA profile and/or test results for the Pompes E7 gene and each of the following exists:
    - i. the bull's semen was collected prior to 1 April 2021; **and**
    - ii. the bull was not DNA profiled or tested for the Pompes E7 gene at the time of, or after the collection of the semen, and no hair or tissue samples were collected and stored for this purpose; **and**
    - iii. it is not possible to obtain a hair or tissue sample from the bull i.e. the bull is deceased; **and**
    - iv. there are no straws of the bull's semen, or very limited straws of semen available from which a DNA profile and Pompes test could be conducted; **and**
    - v. the progeny of any artificial breeding in the circumstances listed above, has been DNA profiled and tested negative for the Pompes E7 gene and the results have been submitted to the Society.
  - (b) where a Sire Authorisation Certificate or other document evidencing authority to register progeny is not available and each of the following exists:
    - i. the member seeking to register the progeny of artificial breeding does not have in their possession, a Sire Authorisation Certificate or equivalent document i.e. an invoice evidencing the sale or gifting of the semen with authorisation to register progeny; **and**
    - ii. notwithstanding efforts to obtain a Sire Authorisation Certificate/written authority to register, it is not possible or practical to do so i.e. the original breeder/owner, or subsequent owner, and their successors, are no longer contactable, **or**
    - iii. the original breeder/owner, or subsequent owner or their successors, has been contacted and has unreasonably refused to provide a Sire Authorisation Certificate; **and**
    - iv. an application to register the progeny has been approved by the Board.

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- 8.8 Any straws of semen retained by a vendor when selling a bull are limited to in-herd use unless otherwise agreed between the vendor and purchaser. When straws are retained by a vendor, the following must occur:
- (a) the retention of straws by the vendor must be recorded in the sale catalogue, or the supplementary sheet, or recorded in the invoice of sale if the bull is sold privately; **and**
  - (b) the retention of straws must be described as a 'percentage share of ownership' that is retained by the vendor; **and**
  - (c) the vendor must provide to the Society, a written record of any agreed terms regarding the use of the straws by the vendor.

### Embryos

- 8.9 When a donor cow enters an ET or IVF program that produces calves eligible for registration, the donor cow must be DNA profiled and tested for the Pompes E7 gene, and the results provided to the Society whereupon they will be recorded in the Herd Database and thereafter, maintained by the Society. Progeny of an ET or IVF program cannot be registered unless, and until, this requirement has been satisfied.
- 8.10 When a fertilized embryo is sold or gifted, each of the following must occur:
- (a) the donor female and the sire must be DNA profiled and tested negative for the Pompes E7 gene; **and**
  - (b) the results of these tests must be provided to the Society whereupon they will be recorded in the Herd Database and thereafter, maintained by the Society; **and**
  - (c) a Sire & Dam Authorisation Certificate must be completed by the vendor/owner of the embryo, or the person authorised by law to sell or gift the embryo, and thereafter, submitted to the Society; **and**
  - (d) a copy of the Sire & Dam Authorisation Certificate or other document evidencing authority to register progeny (i.e. invoice of sale upon which authorisation to register is noted) must be provided to the buyer/recipient of the embryo.
- 8.11 The progeny of artificial breeding achieved through IVF or ET cannot be calf recorded or registered in the Herd Database, unless and until the requirements set out in clause 8.10 (a)-(d) above have been satisfied.
- 8.12 Exceptions to clauses 8.10 & 8.11 above will only apply in the following circumstances:
- (a) where there is no DNA profile and/or test results for the Pompes disorder and each of the following exists:
    - i. the bull's semen and/or the donor female's ova were collected prior to 1 April 2021; **and**
    - ii. the bull and/or the donor female were not DNA profiled or tested for the Pompes disorder at the time of, or after the collection of, the semen

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and/or the ova, and no hair or tissue samples were collected and stored for this purpose; **and**

- iii. it is not possible to obtain a hair or tissue sample from the bull and/or the donor female i.e. the bull and/or the donor female are deceased; **and**
- iv. there is very limited or no genetic material (from the bull and/or the donor female) available from which a DNA profile and Pompes test could be conducted; **and**
- v. the progeny of any artificial breeding in the circumstances listed above, has been DNA profiled and tested negative for the Pompes E7 gene and the results have been submitted to the Society.

(b) where a Sire and/or Dam Authorisation Certificate is not available and each of the following exists:

- i. the member seeking to register the progeny of artificial breeding does not have in their possession, a Sire and/or Dam Authorisation Certificate or equivalent document for the sire and/or dam in question i.e. an invoice or other document evidencing sale or gifting of the embryo with authorisation to register progeny; **and**
- ii. notwithstanding reasonable efforts to obtain a Sire and/or Dam Authorisation Certificate, it is not possible or practical to do so i.e. the original breeder/owner of the sire and/or dam, or subsequent owner, and their successors, are no longer contactable; **or**
- iii. the original breeder/owner, or subsequent owner or their successors, has been contacted and has unreasonably refused to provide a Sire and/or Dam Authorisation Certificate; **and**
- iv. an application to register the progeny has been approved by the Board.

8.13 Any embryos retained by a Vendor when selling a female are limited to in-herd use, unless agreed in writing by the Buyer. When embryos are retained by a Vendor, the following must occur:

- (a) the retention of embryos retained by the Vendor must be recorded in the sale catalogue or sale supplementary sheet, or recorded in the invoice of sale if the female is sold privately; **and**
- (b) the retention of embryos must be described as a 'percentage share of ownership' that is retained by the Vendor; **and**
- (c) the Vendor must provide to the Society, a written record of the number of embryos that have been retained and the agreed terms in relation to the use of the embryos.

8.14 Any private arrangements made between a Vendor/Buyer or a Donor/Recipient of embryos or semen in relation to the registration of progeny, or the on-selling or gifting of embryos, must be documented and a copy of that documentation must be forwarded to the Society.

## 9. DISPERSAL AND REDUCTION

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- 9.1 Dispersal occurs when a member chooses to sell their entire herd. A reduction occurs when a member chooses to sell a portion of the herd and thereafter, continues to operate the stud prefix.
- 9.2 Immediately following a Dispersal Sale, all animals will be transferred in line with the Transfer of Stock clause in these Rules and Regulations. If an animal is not sold and transferred, the animal will be deregistered.
- 9.3 Any further use of the stud prefix under the ownership of the member conducting the Dispersal Sale is automatically barred from the date of the Dispersal Sale, and no further registrations can be made under that stud prefix.
- 9.4 A member may apply to the Board, seeking a partial or complete exemption from the rules relating to a Dispersal Sale as set out in these Rules and Regulations. The member that conducted the Dispersal Sale must submit the application within 90 days of the Dispersal Sale. The Board may, at its absolute discretion, consider partial or complete exemptions to some, or all, of the rules relating to the Dispersal Sale of a stud member's herd.
- 9.5 The stud prefix (of the stud that has been dispersed) may continue to be used in one or more of the following circumstances:
- (a) The Board is reasonably satisfied that the stud prefix was transferred to another member of the Society along with all the registered animals, or a substantial portion of the registered animals that were sold at the Dispersal Sale.
  - (b) The Board is reasonably satisfied that the Dispersal Sale was unsatisfactory or did not proceed for any reason, and the Board has granted permission to the member to continue the stud under their same prefix.
  - (c) The Board has granted approval for the stud prefix to be used by a new member in circumstances where the new member is a descendant of the original owner of the stud prefix, and the original owner, or their successor, supports the application of the new member to use the stud prefix.
- 9.6 When a Foundation Stud prefix is sold, the 'Foundation Stud Status', subject to Board approval, will remain with the Stud.

## **10. SOCIETY SPONSORED SALES**

### **General**

- 10.1 To be eligible to nominate and sell at Society Sponsored Sales, a vendor must be a fully financial Stud or Junior member of the Society and, as at the date of the Sale, must not have any outstanding debts that are owed to the Society, that are outside normal trading terms.
- 10.2 Australian Livestock & Property Agents Association Limited (ALPA) and Society Approved Terms and Conditions of Sale must be adopted for use at Society Sponsored Sales.
- 10.3 Each Sale will have a Call of Nominations, which will include the Conditions of Entry relevant to the Sale.

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- 10.4 To be a valid entry for a Society Sponsored Sale, all documents must be submitted by the date specified on the Nomination Form.
- 10.5 Internet Bidding and Livestreaming will be utilised at all Society Sponsored Sales. Vendors must provide, by the date specified in the Conditions of Sale, photographs and/or videos of 75% of the vendor's draft that will be offered for sale. The Society reserves the right to reject any photographs or videos for inclusion in the internet marketing, sale catalogues or other marketing, at its absolute discretion.
- 10.6 Any fees and/or charges to be levied by the Society with respect to Society Sponsored Sales will be set out in the Conditions of Entry that are relevant to each sale. All fees must be paid by the date specified on the Nomination Form.
- 10.7 All BREEDPLAN members must comply with the Droughtmaster BREEDPLAN Code of Practice.
- 10.8 Only polled, scurred or dehorned animals may be entered in a Society Sponsored Sale.
- 10.9 All animals offered for sale at a Society Sponsored Sale must:
  - (a) be Vendor bred (with the exception being an animal that was a 'calf at foot' purchased with its Dam at a genuine dispersal or reduction sale, or purchased at a genuine public auction and was not, at the time of purchase, registered or branded); and
  - (b) be registered in the Herd Database to the Vendor's Stud prefix if nominated as a registered bull or female; and
  - (c) carry only the Vendor's brand and/or tattoo; and
  - (d) be DNA profiled and tested for the Pompes E7 gene, and the results provided to the Society whereupon they will be recorded in the Herd Database and thereafter, maintained by the Society; and
  - (e) in the case of an animal that is the progeny of a multiple sire mating, the animal must be sire verified.
- 10.10 All animals offered for sale at a Society Sponsored Sale, must conform to the Standard of Excellence as set out in the Constitution and these Rules and Regulations.
- 10.11 Animals which are found to be ineligible for sale based on the following, should be removed from the saleyard before selling commences, if it is practical to do so:
  - (a) ACV Accredited Veterinarian assessment of ACV Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluation for scrotal, physical and semen; or
  - (b) Veterinarian assessment of pregnancy status, or
  - (c) Society Rules and Regulations especially as they relate to dentition, or
  - (d) Failure to comply with the Standard of Excellence as set out in the Constitution and these Rules and Regulation.
- 10.12 The use of hormones, tranquillisers, or other substances to mask the temperament of an animal, or any form of cosmetic or corrective surgery, other than normal hoof trimming and treatment of injuries or disease is prohibited.

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- 10.13 Any veterinary treatment or surgery for injury or disease that changes the appearance of an animal, must be disclosed to the Society prior to the sale, and must be accompanied by a veterinary certificate. The veterinary certificate must be provided to the selling agent and a copy must be displayed on the pen housing the animal at the sale and be made available to each prospective Buyer.
- 10.14 If an animal has suffered an injury or illness or has undergone any treatment (excluding tick treatments) within 28 days of the sale, a Health Treatment Declaration must accompany the animal. The original Declaration must be provided to the selling agent and a copy must be displayed on the pen housing the animal and be made available to each prospective Buyer.
- 10.15 Animals must not be nominated for more than one auction sale at the same time.
- 10.16 All animals sold at a Society Sponsored Sale will be transferred to the new owner and the sale nomination fee will cover the cost of the transfer.

### BULLS

- 10.17 The maximum age at which a bull can be offered for sale at a Society Sponsored Sale is 42 months.
- 10.18 Bulls can be nominated in one (1) of two (2) categories for Society Sponsored Sales:
- (a) **Registered Bull** – the bull must conform to the Standard of Excellence as set out in the Constitution and these Rules and Regulations, and must be a D2, D3, D4 or D5. The bull must exhibit, in addition to the Vendor's registered firebrand, an individual Droughtmaster identification number and year brand, consistent with that quoted on the nomination form.
  - (b) **Droughtmaster Herd Bull** – the bull must conform to the Standard of Excellence as set out in the Constitution and these Rules and Regulations and requires both parents to be Droughtmasters and at least one parent must be registered with its registered identification number provided. The Herd Bull must exhibit the Vendor's registered firebrand and an individual identification number, consistent with that quoted on the nomination form.
- 10.19 All bulls offered for sale must undergo and pass the Australian Cattle Veterinarians (ACV) Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluation for semen, scrotum, and physical, examination conducted by an ACV accredited and qualified veterinarian, within 60 days of the date of the sale.
- 10.20 If a bull fails any component of the ACV Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluation, the Bull can be retested by an ACV accredited and qualified veterinarian within 60 days of the date of sale. ALL components of any subsequent Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluation (semen, scrotal and physical) must be re-assessed at that time.
- 10.21 A copy of the ACV Summary Certificate is to be forwarded to the Society by the date specified in the Sale Conditions of Entry.
- 10.22 The original ACV Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluation Certificate for each bull, and Morphology results if tested, and/or serving capacity if evaluated, must be:

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- (a) forwarded to the Society as per sale closing dates for inclusion on the sale day Supplementary Sheet; and
- (b) brought to the sale and exhibited on the pen housing the animals; and
- (c) available for inspection if requested by the Society's Representative/s.

Test results other than those recorded in the original ACV Bull Breeding Soundness Certificate (including Morphology) must not be displayed on the pen housing the animal or recorded in the sale day supplementary sheet.

- 10.23 Ultrasound scanning must be carried out by an Accredited Performance Beef Breeds Association (PBBA) scanner. The scanning results must be provided to the Society by the date specified in the Conditions of Entry. Only scanning results provided by a PBBA accredited scanner can be displayed on the pen housing the animal and recorded in the sale day supplementary sheet.

### Semen

- 10.24 Bulls with semen motility less than 60% (recorded by the vet as a Q) are not eligible for sale unless they have a morphology test (conducted on the same sample), which returns a result of 50% or greater normal sperm and which is recorded as a tick, Q or P.
- 10.25 The Morphology and Serving Capacity sections of the ACV Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluation are optional however, if these areas are evaluated, the bull must pass/satisfy the criteria set down to be eligible for the sale. If Morphology is evaluated, the only acceptable results as recorded on the ACV Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluation, are a tick, Q or P, to be eligible for the sale. A bull with a result that is recorded as 'NA' or 'X' on the ACV Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluation certificate is not eligible for sale.
- 10.26 If morphology and/or serving capacity is evaluated, the complete results (including abnormalities) of the morphology test, must be recorded on an ACV Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluation Certificate and then forwarded to the Society as per the sale closing dates for inclusion on the Supplementary Sheet, and must also be displayed on the selling pen. Test results other than those recorded in the original ACV Bull Breeding Soundness Certificate (including Morphology) must not be displayed on the pen housing the animal or recorded in the supplementary sheet.
- 10.27 Bulls will be ineligible for sale if morphology testing has been conducted, and the ACV Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluation certificate detailing the results, has not been lodged with the Society in accordance with the date specified in the Conditions of Entry.

### Scrotal

- 10.28 A bull with a Scrotal circumference that is less than the minimum measurements at the age specified below, is not eligible to be sold at a Society Sponsored Sale.

Minimum Scrotal Measurements at:

15 months	30 cm minimum
18 months	32 cm minimum
24 months and over	34 cm minimum

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### Bull Dentition

- 10.29 All bulls must be mouthed by a Veterinarian within 60 days of the sale and shall not be eligible for sale at a Society Sponsored Sale if:
- (a) In the case of an animal under 19 months (\*580 days) of age on the day of sale, it has a permanent tooth or teeth, or there is evidence the animal has had a permanent tooth or teeth.
  - (b) In the case of an animal under 25 months (\*763 days) of age on the day of sale, it has more than two (2) permanent teeth, or there is evidence the animal has had more than two (2) permanent teeth.
  - (c) In the case of an animal under 30 months (\*915 days) of age on the day of sale, it has more than four (4) permanent teeth, or there is evidence the animal has had more than four (4) permanent teeth.
- (\* days of age calculated at 30.5 days per month)*
- 10.30 The veterinarian conducting the ACV Soundness Evaluation must check and record the dentition of each animal. Animals must be withdrawn from the sale if they do not meet these dentition standards.

### Retention of Semen / Use of the Bull

- 10.31 Any Straws of semen retained by the Vendor when selling a bull at a Society Sponsored Sale, are limited to in-herd use and must be noted in the Sale Catalogue or the sale Supplementary Sheet and described as a percentage share of ownership that is retained by the Vendor.
- 10.32 Any use of the bull in natural mating prior to the sale must be noted in the Sale Catalogue or the sale Supplementary Sheet.
- 10.33 The resulting progeny of retained straws of semen or use of a bull for natural mating prior to the sale, will not be eligible for registration if the notifications set out in clauses 10.31 – 10.32 have not been provided. Verbal notification is not sufficient.

### FEMALES

- 10.34 All females nominated must be registered D3s, D4s or D5s.
- 10.35 The Sale will be conducted in three (3) sections and in the following order:
- (a) Cows and Calves
  - (b) Joined Females
  - (c) Unjoined Females

### Cows and Calves

- 10.36 Females nominated in the cow and calf section must have calf at foot at sale date.
- 10.37 A cow must have had her first calf by 36 months of age and be a maximum 72 months at sale date.

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- 10.38 All calves at foot must be sired by a Registered Droughtmaster Bull and be suitable and eligible for registration.
- 10.39 A calf that is over three months of age and is the progeny of a female that had been running with multiple sires at the time of conception, must be sire verified by DNA and the results provided to the Society. If the calf is under three months of age, and has not been sire verified by DNA, the Vendor must supply the identity of all possible joining sires to the Society and must meet the requirements relating to the DNA profiling and Pompes E7 gene testing of joining sires that are set out below.
- 10.40 Calves over three (3) months of age or 100kg at sale date must be branded and registered in the Herd Database.
- 10.41 All cows must have a positive pregnancy test confirming that the cow is at least six (6) weeks in calf to a Registered Droughtmaster Bull as at sale date, unless they have a calf at foot that is less than five (5) months old at sale date.
- 10.42 Cows and calves must have matching ear tags.

### **Joined Females**

- 10.43 The age range for a female that is offered as a 'joined female' is 15 to 32 months at sale date.
- 10.44 Females nominated as 'joined' and which return a negative pregnancy diagnosis, are not eligible to be sold at the sale.
- 10.45 Females in this section may be joined prior to 15 months of age at sale date.
- 10.46 Females running with multiple sires are eligible for sale however, the requirements relating to DNA profiling of the joining sires, which are set out below, must be satisfied.
- 10.47 Females that have been joined to sires without a 28-day interval between sire mating, are eligible for sale however, the requirements relating to DNA profiling of joining sires, which are set out below, must be satisfied.

### **Unjoined Female**

- 10.48 The age range for a female that is offered as an 'unjoined female' is 12 to 24 months at sale date.
- 10.49 Unjoined females must have a pregnancy certificate confirming their pregnancy status as empty.
- 10.50 Any unjoined female returning a positive pregnancy test must be withdrawn from Sale.

### **DNA Profile of Joining Sires**

- 10.51 Where an animal is catalogued for sale as a joined female, the Vendor must provide the identity of the joining sire, and the method by which the pregnancy was achieved (i.e. natural mating, artificial insemination, embryo transfer, or in vitro fertilisation).

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- 10.52 If an animal has been running with multiple sires or has been joined to more than one sire without an interval greater than 28 days between mating, the Vendor must provide the identity of all possible joining sires.
- 10.53 All joining sires and possible joining sires, MUST be DNA profiled and MUST be tested negative for the Pompes E7 gene, and the results provided to the Society whereupon they will be recorded in the Herd Database and thereafter, maintained by the Society.

### **Female Dentition**

- 10.54 All females must be mouthed by a veterinarian within 35 days of the sale and will be ineligible for sale if:
- (a) In the case of an animal under 19 months (\*580 days) of age on the day of sale, it has a permanent tooth or teeth, or there is evidence the animal has had a permanent tooth or teeth.
  - (b) In the case of an animal under 25 months (\*763 days) of age on the day of sale, it has more than two (2) permanent teeth, or there is evidence the animal has had more than two (2) permanent teeth.
  - (c) In the case of an animal under 30 months (\*915 days) of age on the day of sale, it has more than four (4) permanent teeth, or there is evidence the animal has had more than four (4) permanent teeth.

*(\* days of age calculated at 30.5 days per month)*

### **Veterinary Certificate**

- 10.55 A veterinary certificate must be completed within 35 days of the sale date and must state the pregnancy status and dentition of the female. The veterinary certificate must be provided to the Society by the date specified.

### **Sale of Genetic Material at Society Sponsored Sales**

- 10.56 THIS SECTION IS TO BE DEVELOPED

### **Objection Process**

- 10.57 In circumstances where there is an objection in relation to compliance with the Standard of Excellence as set out in the Constitution, or compliance with these Rules and Regulations, the person raising the objection and at least one other person, must complete a Society objection form and thereafter, deliver the form to the CEO of the Society, or if the CEO is absent or unavailable, to a Director of the Society.
- 10.58 The Directors in attendance at the event, and the relevant Sale Committee, will make a ruling in relation to any objection that has been received.
- 10.59 Society objection forms will be available at each Society Sponsored Sale.

## **11. SOCIETY ENDORSED SALES**

### **General**

## Droughtmaster Stud Breeders' Society Limited

- 11.1 A Society Endorsed Sale is a Droughtmaster bull or female sale that agrees to, and complies with, these Rules and Regulations as they relate to a Society Endorsed Sale. A Society Endorsed Sale can be a single vendor or multi-vendor sale.
- 11.2 A Droughtmaster Bull or Female Sale may apply in writing to the Society for endorsement as a Society Endorsed Sale. A Sale cannot advertise that it is a Society Endorsed Sale unless and until the Society approves the endorsement of a Sale as a Society Endorsed Sale.
- 11.3 All animals offered for sale at a Society Endorsed Sale, must conform to the Standard of Excellence as set out in the Constitution and these Rules and Regulations.
- 11.4 To be eligible to nominate and sell at a Society Endorsed Sale, a vendor must be a fully financial Stud or Junior member of the Society.
- 11.5 Animals which are found to be ineligible for sale based on the following, should be removed from the saleyard before selling commences, if it is practical to do so:
  - (a) ACV Accredited Veterinarian assessment of ACV Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluation for scrotal, physical and semen; **or**
  - (b) Veterinarian assessment of pregnancy status, **or**
  - (c) Sale rules as they relate to dentition, **or**
  - (d) Failure to comply with the Standard of Excellence as set out in the Constitution.

## BULLS

- 11.6 Bulls can be nominated in one of three (3) categories for Society Endorsed Sales:
  - (a) **Registered Bull** – the bull must conform to the Standard of Excellence as set out in the Constitution and these Rules and Regulations, and must be a D2, D3, D4 or D5. The bull must exhibit, in addition to the Vendor's registered firebrand, an individual Droughtmaster identification number and year brand, consistent with that quoted on the nomination form.
  - (b) **Droughtmaster Herd Bull** – the bull must conform to the Standard of Excellence as set out in the Constitution and these Rules and Regulations and requires both parents to be Droughtmasters and at least one parent must be registered with its registered identification number provided. The Herd Bull must exhibit the Vendor's registered firebrand and an individual identification number, consistent with that quoted on the nomination form.
  - (c) **Herd Bull** – the bull must conform to the Standard of Excellence as set out in the Constitution and these Rules and Regulations, and requires both parents to be Droughtmasters however, neither parent is required to be registered.

Herd bulls cannot be described as being 'Eligible for Registration' in the sale catalogue.

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- 11.7 All bulls offered for sale must undergo and pass the ACV Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluation for semen, scrotum and physical, conducted by an ACV accredited and qualified veterinarian no later than 60 days before the date of the sale.
- 11.8 If a bull fails any component of the ACV Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluation, the Bull can be retested by an ACV accredited and qualified veterinarian within 60 days of the date of sale. ALL components of any subsequent Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluation (semen, scrotal and physical) must be re-assessed at that time.
- 11.9 The original ACV Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluation Certificate for each bull, and Morphology results if tested, and serving capacity if evaluated, must be brought to the sale, and must be exhibited on the pen housing the animals. Test results other than those recorded in the original ACV Bull Breeding Soundness Certificate (including Morphology) must not be displayed on the pen housing the animal or recorded in the sale supplementary sheet.
- 11.10 Ultrasound scanning must be carried out by an Accredited Performance Beef Breeds Association (PBBA) scanner. Only scanning results provided by a PBBA accredited scanner can be displayed on pen housing the animal and recorded in the sale supplementary sheet.

### Semen

- 11.11 Bulls with semen motility less than 60% (recorded by the vet as a 'Q' or 'P') are not acceptable for sale unless they have a morphology test (conducted on the same sample), which returns a result of 50% or greater normal sperm (tick, 'Q' or 'P').
- 11.12 The Morphology and Serving Capacity sections of the ACV Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluation are optional however, if these areas are evaluated, the bull must pass the criteria set down to be eligible for the sale. If Morphology is evaluated the only acceptable results are 'tick', 'P' or 'Q'. Bulls with NA or X recorded on Morphology are not eligible for sale.
- 11.13 If morphology and/or serving capacity is evaluated, the complete results (including abnormalities) of the morphology test, must be recorded on an ACV Certificate. The ACV Certificate with details of morphology abnormalities must be displayed on the pen in which the animal is housed at the sale. Test results other than those recorded in the original ACV Bull Breeding Soundness Certificate (including Morphology) must not be displayed on the pen housing the animal or recorded in the sale day supplementary sheet.
- 11.14 Bulls will be ineligible for sale if morphology testing has been conducted, and the ACV Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluation Summary Certificate detailing the morphology results, has not been lodged with the Sale Committee in accordance with the date specified.
- 11.15 Only a 'tick' or a 'Q' are acceptable for both the Morphology and Physical sections of the ACV Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluation.

### Scrotal

- 11.16 A bull with a Scrotal circumference that is less than the minimum measurements at the age specified below is not eligible to be sold at a Society Endorsed Sale.

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Minimum Scrotal Measurements:

At 15 months – minimum 30 cm

At 18 months – minimum 32 cm

At 24 months and over - minimum 34 cm

### Bull Dentition

11.17 All bulls must be mouthed by a Veterinarian within 60 days of the sale and shall not be eligible for sale at a Society Endorsed Sale if:

- (a) In the case of an animal under 19 months (\*580 days) of age on the day of sale, it has a permanent tooth or teeth, or there is evidence the animal has had a permanent tooth or teeth.
- (b) In the case of an animal under 25 months (\*763 days) of age on the day of sale, it has more than two (2) permanent teeth, or there is evidence the animal has had more than two (2) permanent teeth.
- (c) In the case of an animal under 30 months (\*915 days) of age on the day of sale, it has more than four (4) permanent teeth, or there is evidence the animal has had more than four (4) permanent teeth.

*(\* days of age calculated at 30.5 days per month)*

11.18 The veterinarian conducting the ACV Soundness Evaluation must check and record the dentition of each animal. Animals must be withdrawn from the sale if they do not meet these dentition standards.

### Retention of Semen / Use of the Bull

11.19 Any Straws of semen retained by the Vendor when selling a bull, are limited to in-herd use and must be noted in the catalogue and/or the sale Supplementary Sheet and described as a percentage share or ownership retained by the vendor.

11.20 Any use of the bull in natural mating prior to the sale must be noted in the sale catalogue or the sale Supplementary Sheet.

### FEMALES

11.21 All females nominated must be registered D3s, D4s or D5's.

11.22 The Sale will be conducted in three (3) sections:

- (a) Cows and Calves
- (b) Joined Females
- (c) Unjoined Females

### Cows and Calves

11.23 All calves at foot must be sired by a Registered Droughtmaster Bull and be suitable and eligible for registration.

11.24 A calf that is over three months of age, and which is the progeny of a female that had been running with multiple sires at the time of conception, must be sire verified by DNA and the results provided to the Sale Committee. If the calf is under three months of age and has not been sire verified by DNA, the Vendor must supply the

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identity of all possible joining sires to the Sale Committee and must meet the requirements relating to the DNA profile of joining sires, set out below.

- 11.25 Calves over three (3) months or 100kg at sale date, must be branded and registered.
- 11.26 All cows must have a positive pregnancy test confirming that the cow is at least six (6) weeks in calf at sale date to a Registered Droughtmaster Bull, unless they have a calf at foot that is less than five (5) months old at sale date.

### **Joined Females**

- 11.27 Females running with multiple sires are eligible for sale however, the requirements relating to DNA profile of the joining sires, which are set out below, must be satisfied.
- 11.28 Females that have been joined to sires without a 28-day interval between sire mating, are eligible for sale however, the requirements relating to DNA profile of joining sires, set out below, must be satisfied.

### **Unjoined Female**

- 11.29 Unjoined females must have a pregnancy certificate confirming they are empty.

### **DNA Profile of Joining Sires**

- 11.30 Where an animal is catalogued for sale as a Joined Female, the vendor must provide the identity of the joining sire, and the method by which the pregnancy was achieved (i.e. natural joining, artificial insemination, embryo transfer, in vitro fertilisation).
- 11.31 If an animal has been running with multiple sires or has been joined to more than one sire without an interval between mating, the vendor must provide the identity of all possible joining sires.
- 11.32 All joining sires and possible joining sires MUST have a DNA profile and MUST be tested negative for Pompes E7 gene, and the results provided to the Society whereupon they will be recorded in the Herd Database and thereafter, maintained by the Society.
- 11.33 The Vendor must provide to the Sale Committee at the time of nomination, the name of the laboratory at which the joining sire's DNA profile is held, the Case ID/Bar Code number of the joining sire's DNA profile, and laboratory test results confirming the existence of the DNA profile and the Pompes E7 gene status of the joining sire.
- 11.34 The Vendor provides authorisation to the Buyer of the joined female to access the joining sire's DNA profile for the purpose of the sire verifying and registering the progeny.
- 11.35 In the event a discrepancy of pedigree is found, the Buyer may annul the sale and have the animal/s returned to the Vendor (at the Vendor's expense) for a full refund, unless the Buyer and the Vendor negotiate an alternative and mutually agreeable settlement.

### **Female Dentition**

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- 11.36 All females must be mouthed by a veterinarian within 35 days of the sale and will be ineligible for sale if:
- (a) In the case of an animal under 19 months (\*580 days) of age on the day of sale, it has a permanent tooth or teeth, or there is evidence the animal has had a permanent tooth or teeth.
  - (b) In the case of an animal under 25 months (\*763 days) of age on the day of sale, it has more than two (2) permanent teeth, or there is evidence the animal has had more than two (2) permanent teeth.
  - (c) In the case of an animal under 30 months (\*915 days) of age on the day of sale, it has more than four (4) permanent teeth, or there is evidence the animal has had more than four (4) permanent teeth.

*(\* days of age calculated at 30.5 days per month)*

### Veterinary Certificate

- 11.37 A veterinary certificate must be completed in accordance with requirements specified in the Sale Conditions of Entry and must state the pregnancy status and dentition of the female. The veterinary certificate must be provided to the Sale Committee by the date specified in the Conditions of Entry.

## 12. ADDITIONAL SALES

- 12.1 Sale dates for 'Additional Sales' are to be listed in all Society advertising and publications where Society Sponsored Sale and Society Endorsed Sale dates appear.
- 12.2 '**Additional Sales**' means auction sales at which predominantly Droughtmaster genetics are offered for sale, other than Society Sponsored Sales and Society Endorsed Sales.

## 13. TRANSFER OF STOCK

- 13.1 Upon the sale, exchange, gift, lease, loan or other disposal of any Registered animal, the owner must lodge with the Society, as soon as practical, the following:
- (a) In the case of a sale, a notification of sale in the prescribed form.
  - (b) In the case of an exchange, gift, loan or lease, a notification of the exchange, gift, loan or lease or other disposal in the prescribed form.
  - (c) In the case of lease or loan, the date of commencement and the date of termination of the lease or loan arrangement.
  - (d) In all instances the original owner is responsible for initiating the procedure and payment of the required transfer fee.
  - (e) The date of transfer is the date the animal moved to the new location/paddock.
- 13.2 Registered bulls that are sold will be transferred upon request.
- 13.3 A Registered bull will remain active until culled at 15 years old.
- 13.4 Registered bulls sold as herd bulls can only be reactivated with breeder's written consent.

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- 13.5 An unregistered bull that is sold as a herd bull, cannot be registered on the Herd Database, and transferred to the buyer, unless:
- (a) the bull is eligible to be registered on the Herd Database, and
  - (b) the breeder of the bull has submitted to the Society written consent for the bull to be registered and transferred, and
  - (c) an application to register and transfer the bull has been approved by the Board based on extenuating circumstances.
- 13.6 Calf recorded bulls can only be registered and transferred with the breeder's written consent.
- 13.7 Culls can only be reactivated and transferred with breeder's written consent.
- 13.8 Payment of transfer fee by the vendor is mandatory.
- 13.9 Written notification of the date on which the female becomes unfinancial will be placed on registration certificates when the female is transferred to a non-member.
- 13.10 Full transfer fees will be charged for all cattle included in the sale and/or transfer of a stud prefix.

## **14. EXHIBITING AT SHOWS**

The following clauses apply to Royal Shows, Feature Shows, Futurities, Beef Expos and Agricultural Shows, which are hereinafter, collectively referred to as 'shows'.

### **General**

- 14.1 The Board may select any number of Droughtmaster Feature Shows each year.
- 14.2 When exhibiting cattle at shows, Droughtmaster members must comply with the rules of the organising body of the relevant show (i.e. Beef Australia, Royal Queensland Show, an Agricultural Show hosting a Feature Show).
- 14.3 If a rule in these Rules and Regulations is inconsistent with a similar rule of the organising body, the rule of the organising body will apply.
- 14.4 If the organising body does not have a rule in place (similar to, or relating to, the content of a rule in these Rules and Regulations), these Rules and Regulations will apply.
- 14.5 People who are deemed suitable by the Droughtmaster Society may be selected to judge Droughtmaster stud cattle at any show.
- 14.6 Only D4 and D5 registered Droughtmasters can be exhibited at Royal Shows, Feature Shows, Futurities and Beef Expos. Only D3, D4 and D5 registered Droughtmasters can be exhibited in the stud beef cattle section of an Agricultural Show.
- 14.7 Registered Droughtmaster cattle that are exhibited at shows must have a readily identifiable permanent brand or tattoo, which must include the animal's identification number. This rule does not apply to a calf under the age of three months that is exhibited as a cow and calf unit.

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- 14.8 Registered Droughtmaster cattle that are exhibited at shows must conform to the Standard of Excellence as set out in the Constitution of the Droughtmaster Society and these Rules and Regulations.
- 14.9 Droughtmaster cattle that are exhibited at shows must be thoroughly tractable and able to be led safely.
- 14.10 For the purpose of determining the class in which an animal will be exhibited, the age of the animal will be calculated from the first day of the month in which the show is convened.

### **Dentition**

- 14.11 The Droughtmaster mouthing standard will govern the maximum permissible dental development of Droughtmaster cattle that are being exhibited at shows. The maximum dental development is based on the actual age of the animal on show day, and not the age as determined by the relevant organising body for the purpose of setting classes and class entries.
- 14.12 When mouthing is a prerequisite at the show, a mouthing official will be appointed by the Society to evaluate the dental development of Droughtmaster cattle that are being exhibited at the show.
- 14.13 A Droughtmaster will not be eligible for exhibition or judging at a show if:
- (a) In the case of an animal under 19 months (\*580 days) of age on the day of mouthing at the show, it has a permanent tooth or teeth, or there is evidence the animal has had a permanent tooth or teeth.
  - (b) In the case of an animal under 25 months (\*763 days) of age on the day of mouthing at the show, it has more than two (2) permanent teeth, or there is evidence the animal has had more than two (2) permanent teeth.
  - (c) In the case of an animal under 30 months (\*915 days) of age on the day of mouthing at the show, it has more than four (4) permanent teeth, or there is evidence the animal has had more than four (4) permanent teeth.
  - (d) In the case of an animal under 36 months (\*1,098 days) of age on the day of mouthing at the show, it has more than six (6) permanent teeth, or there is evidence the animal has had more than six (6) permanent teeth.

*Days of age calculated at 30.5 days per month.*

*For the purposes of evaluating dentition, the animal is deemed have a tooth or teeth if the tooth or teeth have erupted through the gum.*

- 14.14 When mouthing is a prerequisite at the show, all animals of age must be mouthed at the event, and the results recorded at that time. If an animal is not mouthed in accordance with these Rules and Regulations, and there are adequate facilities available in which the animal can be mouthed (i.e. a crush or head bale), the animal cannot be presented for judging.
- 14.15 An animal, which is found to be ineligible based on its dentition, will be debarred from judging at the relevant show, and any subsequent shows thereafter.

### **Nose Rings / Nose Grips**

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14.16 When exhibiting at a show, all animals (with the exception of a calf being exhibited as a cow and calf unit), must have a permanent nose ring, or nose grip, as set out below:

- (a) bulls that are twelve (12) months of age or over must have a permanent nose ring.
- (b) bulls that are nine (9) months of age and under twelve (12) months must have nose ring or nose grip.
- (c) females that are nine (9) months of age or over must have nose ring or nose grip.

### Pregnancy Status

14.17 The pregnancy rule will apply if the organising body (Beef Australia, Royal Queensland Show or host Agricultural Show for a Feature Show) requires the rule to be applied. The rule, when implemented, requires a veterinarian to certify the pregnancy status of a female that is exhibited at the show. The furnishing of a pregnancy certificate may not be compulsory; however, in the absence of a pregnancy test certificate issued by a veterinarian, the female may be judged as 'empty'.

### Group Classes

14.18 The following rules will apply to the following classes at shows:

- (a) **Breeders' Group** – Must be three animals of mixed sexes. All animals must be bred and owned by the exhibitor, must be from the same Stud Prefix, and must be entered in the general classes.
- (b) **Sire's Progeny Group** – Must be three animals of mixed sexes. All animals must be bred and owned by the exhibitor, must be from the same Stud Prefix, and must be entered in the general classes.
- (c) **Dam's Progeny** – Must be two animals of either sex. Both animals must be bred and owned by the exhibitor, must be from the same Stud Prefix, and must be entered in the general classes.
- (d) **Pair of Bulls or Pair of Females** – All animals must be bred and owned by the exhibitor, must be from the same Stud Prefix, and must be entered in the general classes.

### Cow and Calf Units

14.19 A calf shown as a cow and calf unit must be under 9 months of age.

14.20 Calves that are part of a cow and calf unit cannot be exhibited as an individual entry.

### Most Successful Exhibitor

14.21 The 'Most Successful Exhibitor' is awarded to the stud prefix that has achieved the highest number of points at the event.

### Objection Process

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- 14.22 In circumstances where there is an objection in relation to compliance with the Standard of Excellence as set out in the Constitution, or compliance with these Rules and Regulations, the person raising the objection and at least one other person, must complete a Society objection form and thereafter, deliver the form to the CEO of the Society, or if the CEO is absent or unavailable, to a Director of the Society.
- 14.23 The Directors in attendance at the event, and the relevant Droughtmaster Show organising committee, will make a ruling in relation to any objection that has been received.
- 14.24 Objections of this kind must not be directed to the Judge that is officiating over the Droughtmaster judging at the event, or representatives of the organising body of the relevant show or event.
- 14.25 Society objection forms will be available at each Show.

### **15. ESTIMATED BREEDING VALUES**

- 15.1 The use of Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) by members is restricted to those produced by Droughtmaster Group BREEDPLAN.
- 15.2 Any fees or charges to be levied by the Society with respect of EBVs will be set out in the Fee Schedule.
- 15.3 The Board may make rules by resolution regulating the use of EBVs.

### **16. BREACHES**

- 16.1 A breach of these Rules and Regulations will be addressed under the Society Code of Conduct Policy.

### **17. GLOSSARY**

- 17.1 Any terms defined in the Constitution will be deemed to have the same meaning in the Rules and Regulations.
- 17.2 In the event of any inconsistency in meaning between the Constitution and the Rules and Regulations the meaning expressed in the Constitution will prevail.
- 17.3 Expressions referring to writing will include references to printing, electronic, lithography, photography, and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form.
- 17.4 Words or expressions contained in these Rules and Regulations will be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954* (Qld) as amended.
- 17.5 In these Rules and Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears, the following words will have the following meanings:
- (a) **'ABRI'** means Agricultural Business Research Institute.
  - (b) **'ARCBA'** means Australian Registered Cattle Breeders' Association.

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- (c) **'Additional Sales'** means auction sales other than Society Sponsored Sales and Society Endorsed Sales, which sell predominantly Droughtmaster genetics.
- (d) **'Approved Bull'** means a tropical bred bull other than Droughtmaster that has been inspected by a panel of classifiers and based on the panel's recommendation, is approved to be registered in the Herd Database as an 'Approved Bull'. An Approved Bull is allocated a rating of D1.
- (e) **'Approved Female'** means a tropical bred female other than Droughtmaster that has been inspected by a panel of classifiers and based on the panel's recommendation, is approved to be registered in the Herd Database as an 'Approved Female'. An Approved Female is allocated a rating of D1.
- (f) **'Auction Sales'** are sales conducted by auction at which any registered bulls, registered females and herd bulls are sold for breeding purposes and which sale has been promoted utilizing the name 'Droughtmaster' or any Droughtmaster Intellectual Property.
- (g) **'Board'** means the Board of Directors of the Droughtmaster Stud Breeders' Society Limited.
- (h) **'Certified Bull'** means a previously unregistered Droughtmaster bull that has been inspected by a panel of classifiers and based on the panel's recommendation, approved to be registered in the Herd Database as a 'Certified Bull'. A Certified Bull is allocated a rating of D3.
- (i) **'Constitution'** means the Droughtmaster Stud Breeders' Society Limited Constitution.
- (j) **'Dehorned'** is the removal of, or stopping the growth of horns in livestock.
- (k) **'Droughtmaster Intellectual Property'** includes, without limitation, trademarks, business names, distinctive 'getup', symbols, phrases, pictures, or devices utilised by the Society for the purposes of the Society, including the promotion of the Droughtmaster name.
- (l) **'EBV'** means estimated breeding value.
- (m) **'Group BREEDPLAN EBVs'** means EBVs that allow cross herd comparisons.
- (n) **'BREEDPLAN EBVs'** means individual EBVs published as a Society group.
- (o) **'Herd Database'** means the register of Droughtmasters that meet the criteria for registration.
- (p) **'P', 'S' and 'H'** means, when used as part of a name or number for Droughtmaster Cattle, **polled, scurred or horned**.
- (q) **'Purebred'** means an animal that meets the criteria for a D5.
- (r) **'Panel of Classifiers'** means a panel of three classifiers selected from the list of approved classifiers.

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- (s) **'Registered'** in relation to an animal means when it is entered into the Droughtmaster Herd Database.
- (t) **'Rules of Certification'** are the rules, which have been adopted by the Society for the purpose of registering and certifying cattle as Droughtmaster cattle and Approved or Certified Bulls to mate with Droughtmaster cattle.
- (u) **'Shows'** means Royal Shows, Feature Shows, Futurities, and Beef Expositions.
- (v) **'Society'** means Droughtmaster Stud Breeders' Society Limited ACN 010 129 683.
- (w) **'Society Sponsored Sales'** means sales which are facilitated by the Society on behalf of Members.
- (x) **'Society Endorsed Sales'** means a sale that has been approved as a Society Endorsed Sale and which is facilitated by a single member or group of members in accordance with the Rules and Regulations relating to Society Endorsed Sales
- (y) **'Stud'** means, in relation to any animal, an animal registered by the Society; and in relation to any business, means a Droughtmaster breeding business which utilises a prefix authorised by the Society.
- (z) **'Tipped'** or tipping of horns in cattle is the removal of the sharp insensitive tip on the animal's horn resulting in a blunt end.
- (aa) **'Dispersal Sale'** means a sale by a member of the Society including, but not limited to, the following:
  - i. If the member uses the word 'dispersal' or similar words or phrases in their advertising.
  - ii. The Board of the Society forms the view, that a buyer would reasonably conclude that the sale was intended to be a dispersal sale.
  - iii. The member tells the Society that it is a dispersal sale.
- (bb) **'TBTS'** means Tropical Beef Technology Services.
- (cc) **Maintained by the Society** in the context of DNA test results means that the Society will receive and hold details of the DNA test results of an animal, including the laboratory at which the test was conducted, and the barcode or case number allocated to the animal. The Society will also provide authorisation for a member to access an animal's DNA profile for the limited purpose of seeking to undertake parental verification of progeny of the animal concerned.

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End of Document

Date Approved	Description of Amendments
26 Nov 2024	Addition of 28A and 28B Amendment to 8.3 to include exceptions.

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	Amendment of female dentition from 21 days to 35 days Definitions for 'dehorning' and 'tipping'.
28 Nov 2023	Amended 13.5 to provide conditions for registration of an unregistered bull sold as a herd bull.
1 May 2023	Minor errors corrected after March 2023 approval
20 Mar 2023	DSBS Rules and Regulations Schedule of Changes (found on the website) details the content of the substantial rework