



CHANGES TO THE RULES OF THE AUSTRALIAN STUD BOOK REGARDING THE IDENTIFICATION OF THOROUGHBREDS

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From 1 August 2013, new rules will take effect as summarised below:

- The main rule change (page 19 xi.) is the introduction of a 'Certification of Paternity' which requires the stallion proprietor or studmaster to certify the sire of a foal prior to the parentage testing process beginning. This rule change has been developed following legal advice, and also ensures that our rules are more closely aligned with other international stud book authorities' practices. **This will replace the current 'withheld' facility used by stallion proprietors**, so it is aligned to the foal rather than the mare. There are no additional lodgement requirements for breeders.

- The second rule (page 19, xiii.) is one in which has been developed and approved by the International Stud Book Committee and ratified by the Executive Council of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities. Article 12 of the International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering has been amended to include the disqualification.

New rules appearing under the General Rules, Terms and Conditions:

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| Page 19 | xi. | A foal born in 2013 and onwards is only eligible for parentage verification if the Australian Stud Book has received a Certification of Paternity from the stallion proprietor or studmaster. |
| Page 19 | xiii. | Modification of the heritable genome of a prospective or registered Thoroughbred, during its conception, gestation or at any stage thereafter in its existence, will result in that horse forfeiting its status as a Thoroughbred. |

New rules appearing under The Identification and Parentage Verification Process:

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| Page 28 | 6 | Certification of Paternity |
| | 6.1 | A horse cannot be accepted for inclusion in either the Australian Stud Book or the Australian Non-Thoroughbred Register until a Certification of Paternity has been provided and the horse has been parentage verified. |
| | 6.2 | The stallion owner or studmaster is responsible for certifying details of all foals sired by each stallion in that season on a Certification of Paternity. |
| | 6.3 | This report must be lodged with the Stud Book via the Online Certification of Paternity system within five days of payment of the service fee by the contact breeder. |
| | 6.4 | If the Certification of Paternity has not been lodged: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the Stud Book will not commence the parentage verification process for that foal; and ii. the official records for that foal will be entered as "Produce not yet accepted"; until after the Certification of Paternity has been received. |

Below is the text of other additions to the rules to give effect. New language is underlined.

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| Page 14 | Definitions Used in the Parentage Verification Process | |
| | <u>Certification of Paternity</u> <u>Means that the stallion proprietor or studmaster has certified the stallion which is the sire of the horse to the Stud Book</u> | |
| Page 17 | Eligibility Based on Identification and Parentage Verification | |
| | All horses must be parentage verified before they are eligible for acceptance into the Stud Book official records. <u>From 2013, the Stud Book will not commence parentage verification of a live foal until the Stud Book receives a Certification of Paternity.</u> | |
| Page 17 | Eligibility Based on Prompt and Accurate Reporting | |
| | <u>Certification of Paternity</u> <u>Lodged with the Stud Book by the stallion proprietor or studmaster certifying the stallion which is the sire of the horse</u> | |
| Page 27 | The Identification and Parentage Verification Process | |
| | All horses must be parentage verified and accurately identified before they are accepted into the Stud Book official records. The <u>four</u> components of the identification process are | |
| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <u>the Certification of Paternity</u> 2) the description of the natural features of the horse 3) the freeze brand 4) DNA type and microchip. | |
| | All horses can be checked against these four benchmarks throughout their life to verify their identity. | |
| Page 32 | 8 | Certification of Paternity |
| | 8.2 | Mare returns for live foals can only be accepted if they are accompanied by the parentage verification fee which is in addition to any standard or late fee required for the mare return, <u>and a Certification of Paternity has been provided by the stallion proprietor or studmaster.</u> |

The information provided is a summary of the changes and is intended for advice purposes only, with a full copy of the rules available as a PDF download Online. Go to www.studbook.org.au click on the 'General Information' tab on the home page, then 'Rules and Services' tab, then the 'Rules of the Australian Stud Book' PDF icon.

If you do not have access to the Internet and would like a copy of the updated rules, please contact our office on (02) 9663 8411.

Further instructions for stallion proprietors on the new Online facility to submit a 'Certification of Paternity' will be communicated prior to the release of the program for use from 31 January 2014, for 2013 coverings.

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