

COMBINED FLOCK BOOK REGISTRATION REGULATIONS

The Rare Breeds Survival Trust (RBST) is the Approved Registration Authority for breeds in the Combined Flock Book. The flock book is administered by Grassroots Systems Ltd, on behalf of RBST. RBST reserves the right to change the Registration Regulations from time to time at its discretion.

The registration system is based solely on the signed application by an owner to register an animal, and the declaration by the owner that the animal conforms to the standards of the breed. The Registration Certificate, which is issued thereafter, recognises only that the application for registration has been accepted. It does not make any guarantee regarding the type or characteristics of the animal. The decision to purchase an animal should not be based solely on the registration certificate. The animal should be inspected for type and soundness before the purchase is made.

Eligibility for Registration

The Combined Flock Book is comprised of three Registers:

1. "A" Register:
 - a. Animals with parents and grandparents recorded in the "A" Register (or prior to 2007, in Volumes I to XXXIII of the Combined Flock Book) are eligible for entry in the "A" Register.

 - b. Animals with ancestors recorded in the Supplementary Register are eligible for entry in the "A" Register – see 3c. below.

2. "B" Register:

Animals from other EU flock books are eligible for entry in the "B" Register. An animal from an EU flock book and all of whose grandparents are entered in the "A" Register (or prior to 2007, in Volumes I to XXXIII of the Combined Flock Book) may be eligible for entry in the "A" Register.

3. Supplementary Register
 - a. An animal, resident in UK, which is not eligible for entry in the "A" Register is eligible for entry in the Supplementary Register following inspection by RBST or its appointed agent, and providing it meets the following requirements:
 - It is identified after birth in accordance with the CFB regulations in force at the time;
 - It is judged to conform to the breed standard;
 - It meets the minimum characteristics, including its DNA, for its breed;
 - Evidence is produced to support its pure-bred status.

 - b. The costs of inspection and DNA testing will be borne by the breeder.

 - c. Third generation progeny from matings each with "A" Register animals will be eligible for entry in the "A" Register. The Register entry of progeny of each generation will be annotated as follows:

1 st generation	*
2 nd generation	**
3 rd generation	***

 - d. Progeny from a mating of two Supplementary Register animals will be annotated as per the parent from the earlier generation, e.g. progeny from a mating of a 1 star (*) animal and a 3 star (***) animal will be annotated with 1 star (*).

Breed Standard

Any animal which, after entry in the Combined Flock Book, is found on inspection by RBST or its appointed agents not to substantially conform to the breed standard set out in the Combined Flock Book or with the breeder's declaration, will be recorded as such, its Register entry annotated accordingly, and a new registration certificate issued.

Flock Prefix

All Combined Flock Book breeders must select and register a prefix. The prefix may be used only for animals **born** within that flock. Owners of new flocks must select and register a prefix, and will be issued with a Flock Number.

DEFRA Flock Numbers

All livestock keepers are required under UK law to register with DEFRA who will issue a UK flock number. It is a legal requirement that all sheep born in a flock carry a tag with their UK flock number on it.

Identification Tags

All lambs **MUST** be identified with a tag which carries the DEFRA UK flock number and a unique tag number (regardless of any annual colour-coding).

Birth Notification

ALL LAMBS MUST BE BIRTH-NOTIFIED IN THEIR YEAR OF BIRTH. Animals which have not been birth-notified in their birth year will **not be eligible for registration**. There is **no charge** for birth notification.

Registration

All applications and fees for registration must be received by 31st October for inclusion in the next edition of the Flock Book. All animals must be ear tagged and registered by the owner prior to use, sale or transfer. Animals registered before 31st October in any year will appear in the Flock Book for that year.

1. Female Registration

- Females may be registered at any time **before** 31st October in the year after their birth year.
- Late registration, after 31st October of the second year, may be accepted on payment of the late registration fee.

2. Male Registration

- Males may be registered at any time **before** 31st October in the third year after their birth year.
- Late registration, after 31st October of the third year, may be accepted on payment of the late registration fee.

Scale of Fees

The Combined Flock Book is a service for members of RBST. Fees are doubled for non-members. The scale of fees is displayed on the RBST website and in the flock book.

Pedigree Certificates

A three-generation pedigree certificate will be issued for all newly registered or transferred sheep. A new certificate, annotated accordingly, will be issued for any animal which, on inspection, does not conform to the breed standard.

Transfer of Ownership

The sale or disposal of all pedigree stock should be notified via the RBST web site or by completing the registration certificate tear-off slip (or by completing the reverse of the 2001 certificate) and **returning it to Grassroots Systems Ltd**. Transfer fees will be payable by the purchaser.

Parent animals must be fully registered and females transferred into new ownership before their progeny can be registered.

Sale for Meat or Death

Animals sold for meat or which die are to be notified via the RBST website or by use of the pedigree certificate tear-off slip.

Triennial Census and Survey

In order to maintain as accurate picture as possible of the changes within a breed population and to help develop better conservation and breed promotion strategies, breeders are asked to complete and return the survey questionnaire issued every 3 years. This is used to:

- Record deaths
- Record sales for meat
- Register transfers which may have been overlooked
- Provide the detailed information for the triennial survey figures published in the Flock Book.

Flock Book

A free copy of the printed flock book will be sent to owners registering stock. Further copies are available for £4.50 including P & P, from RBST.