



Refer to Section 16 AND 17 of the Animal Improvement Act, 1998 (Act 62 of 1998) and Regulations 13 and 14.

**The facts:**

- ❖ Anybody may import animals and genetic material of an approved breed.
- ❖ An applicant does not have to be a member of the relevant breed society – but:
- ❖ Such applicants will not be able to register any animals or progeny.
- ❖ All will be referred to the relevant society if it involves an animal – or if the import is for genetic material from a donor that has not been previously screened and approved by the society.

Copies of all import authorisations are also sent to the relevant breed societies – and this information could be used to recruit new members.

Breeders' Societies could take this opportunity to provide members with a value-added service – receiving and screening applicants – and then forwarding these to the registrar for further processing.

**Applying to import or export an animal or genetic material:**

- ❖ Apply on the prescribed form that is available from the office of the Registrar – or at the Breeders' Society.
- ❖ Take care to fill in all the required information to avoid delays.
- ❖ Ensure that either proof of payment of the prescribed administration fee – or actual payment is included.

Applications to import or export animals or genetic material can either be sent directly to the Registrar – or can be screened and forwarded by the respective Breeders'

Society – or registering authority – as a service to members. This will save time where the genetic material in question has not been screened.

**Note that all imports are subject to positive identification.**

This includes full DNA for all bulls and semen.

If the exporting country does not have such a service, this can be done locally before release from quarantine.

Cows and heifers need only be verified by way of a blood sample or hair follicle for later reference (depending on the provider of the DNA Registry service).



**The process at the Registrar's office:**

The office will process the application – making sure that all the prescribed information has been included. Where necessary, applications will be referred to the relevant Breeders' Society for a recommendation.

**IMPORTING ANIMALS FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

This includes shows, sales, breeding and veterinary treatment and normally applies more to the equine industry.

- ❖ All animals must be positively identified in accordance with the Animal Identification Act, 2002 (Act 6 of 2002) or in accordance with the bylaws of the relevant Society.

- ❖ Where applicable, animals must have a country identification mark.
- ❖ The relevant form must be completed.

**EXPORTING ANIMALS AND GENETIC MATERIAL**

At present Act 62/98 only applies to landrace breeds such as the Nguni, Afrikaner and Bonsmara but it could be revised to apply to other breeds should the relevant Societies see a need to such control.

- ❖ Nobody may export any animals or genetic material of a landrace breed without an animal improvement authorisation.
- ❖ No applications are processed without an inspection report from the relevant Breeders' Society. This report will certify that the animals are either registered or non-registered and that they comply with the minimum standards for the breed.

This should also be seen as an opportunity for breed societies and clubs to provide a useful service to all owners of animals of the breed in question. If all the prescribed information has been provided, the Registrar's office will process the application/s – and forward the authorisation/s to the Directorate: Animal Health for further processing.

A copy of the authorisation will be sent to the relevant Breeders' Society and the relevant registering authority.

This information is strictly confidential.



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