



AUSTRALIAN AYRSHIRES

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All Australian Ayrshire Members,

It has been brought to the attention of Australian Ayrshires Federal Council some members may have concerns regarding the rule changes to registering Ayrshire bulls and ET calves, which is to take effect from 1st July 2022, as notified in our April 2022 newsletter:

Federal Council – Bull and ET Calf Registrations

To align Australian Ayrshires with the majority of dairy breeds nationally and internationally, Federal Council is advising members from **1st July 2022**:

- all Ayrshire bulls prior to registration will require genomic testing
- all ET calves will require parent verification prior to registration

ET Calf Registrations

The new rule will only apply to embryos collected from 1st July 2022. If you have embryos currently stored, this new rule does not apply, and the previous requirements for registration will be in effect.

Ayrshire Bull Registrations

Currently Australian Ayrshires are supplying ear notch tools and 10 TSUs (Tissue Sampling Units) free of charge upon request to Federal Council, by financial members. STGenetics are currently genomic testing these samples free of charge. Members should be aware that currently there is no charge to the member to genomic test an Ayrshire bull through STGenetics.

If a member chooses to genomic test with an alternative company, they should contact Australian Ayrshires to discuss the possibility of subsidisation of costs incurred, prior to arranging testing.

Federal Council introduced these two new rules to help maintain the integrity and purity of Ayrshire blood lines within Australia. This rule also aligns our breed to other dairy breeds within Australia.

If any member has any concerns and/or queries regarding these rule changes, please contact me on the email address provided below, and your concerns/queries will be addressed by Federal Council.

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