

## **Overseas Registrations – from Members and breeders from outside the UK and Northern Ireland.**

Following the UK's departure from the EU, post Brexit, the Welsh Pony and Cob Society is now unable to legally produce passports for Welsh Ponies and Cobs bred and domiciled in EU member state countries.

However, mindful of those WPCS members and breeders, many of whom are longstanding life members of the Society from within the EU countries, who wish to continue to register their stock within the main mother Society Stud book, the Society is launching a new register as part of the Welsh Stud book which has the backing of the Welsh Government Brexit exit team and the Equine ID and Welfare departments.

The Society stud book has since the 1950's included a section for 'Overseas Registrations (OS)'. This has enabled breeders from outside the UK to register their stock from animals imported originally from the UK in that section on a level playing field with those home registered animals, thereby ensuring that those bloodlines are not lost to the gene pool. It also will secure a continuum of membership and registration revenue for those breeders who choose to carry on registering with the WPCS. In real terms it does authenticate the animal registered.

It is of paramount importance that this stock is not lost to the Welsh Stud Book.

Indeed, over the last thirty years UK based breeders have made increasing use of imported stock to cross over their mares in the UK; so the breeding traffic is a two way flow.

A more recently developed and honed description of the overseas register has resulted in the (IA) - Internationally acceptable and (IR) - International Register which have superseded the Overseas section (OS).

Those animals registered in the main Welsh Stud book have these letters suffixed to denote that they are 'international' and have their Country of birth added as well.

For example

**IAS\* 188 NAME OF ANIMAL (AUS).**

*\*Internationally Accepted Stallion*

The Society proposes to continue to register these animals which are passported from EU Countries, by issuing WPCS Official Registration Certificates as we cannot now issue passports for EU bred animals. This would be on a voluntary basis if Non-UK breeders wished to register in the Welsh Stud book.

In essence this is a simple delineation

- A passport is produced by the EU country where the animal is born.
- The Zootechnic certificate is also produced by that country.

These documents are for identification, travel, traceability, health and germinal purposes.

- The Overseas Registration Certificate details the Pedigree, and the section of the Welsh Stud book where that animal is registered. This certificate is only available to Welsh breed animals **born outside the UK** which comply with the WPCS Breeding rules for eligibility.
- An example of how a registration will appear in the Stud Book is as follows:
- Name of animal / (OR) Overseas registration number / (Country of passporting) Section / Colour/ Year of birth.

### **How will this work in practice?**

Our aim will be to make the process completely digital and paperless.

1. The breeder obtains a passport for their animal in the EU country of their choice (ideally from a WPCS daughter Society in that country)
2. The breeder scans the following passport pages clearly:
  - Front details page to include the registration number in their stud book and UELN.
  - Pedigree page with reg numbers
  - Diagram page

- DNA reference number
- If it is **not passported by a Daughter Society of the WPCS**, the breeder would also have to scan and send:
  - Confirmation of ownership/ lease of the dam
  - Confirmation of ownership/ lease of the sire or a valid service certificate signed by the stallion owner.
  - Confirmation of the Stallion's licence number

NB These are all elements of information which the breeder already supplies.

3. The breeder emails the scans to the WPCS and pays the Overseas registration fee online via the WPCS website.
4. The breeder logs in to the WPCS website with their own Login details and populates the Birth screen with details of their animal.
5. The WPCS Overseas Registration application is checked by a staff member on our database. Once checked and validated and entered into the Stud book, a WPCS Overseas registration (OR) number is created for the animal.

The document is sent as a pdf to be formatted as an 'Overseas Registration E-certificate'.

6. This bespoke **WPCS Overseas Registration certificate** is watermarked and given a unique issue number to prevent fraudulent activity.
7. It is then emailed to the breeder – who can download it or choose to print it out. Their animal is now registered in the WPCS Overseas Register (OR). The E-certificate can be kept on the breeder's phone or printed off as an A5 Certificate which can then be kept with the passport.
8. The reverse of the certificate will show the animals pedigree. (\*NB see pedigree note at the end of this Section)

9. When a breeder wishes to transfer the ownership, they repeat the login process online and fill in the Transfer of ownership screen – which is then validated upon payment online by the WPCS.
10. This enables traceability of delivery, faster speed of processing, and any spelling errors due to illegible handwriting.

### **\*PEDIGREE NOTE.**

If required, it is possible for a non-UK breeder to request a pedigree from the WPCS prior to passporting in the EU for inclusion in that passport. To enable this facility those animals must be eligible for registration with the WPCS and the details of their parents must already be held in the WPCS database. There is a nominal charge of £5 for this service which is then deductible from the (OR) registration fee of £25.

### **What impact and effect will the document have for breeders outside the UK?**

This will enable breeders to continue to register within the WPCS Stud book. It will also ensure the cohesive gathering of the data and the retention of the pure-bred gene pool for future generations, and equal status to Welsh breed animals throughout Europe and beyond.

### **Stock Imported to the UK**

When a case arises that an animal with an EU passport and **WPCS Overseas Registration Certificate** is imported to the UK, a transfer of ownership would take place.

- An EU passport would be **over stamped** (if the Country of origin has 3<sup>rd</sup> Country status)
- If the passport issued outside the UK is not a Breed Society passport it will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

## Overview

This is an inclusive registration process which sits comfortably alongside the EU passporting system. In legal terms it is not an identification document, only a registration record for the Mother Stud book.

Up until January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 (IA) and (IR) animals have both been issued WPCS passports.

From Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 EU animals registered will receive an (OR) E-certificate **not** a passport

(IA) will only be used when registering animals from countries outside Europe.

(IR) would still continue for animals bred in the UK and they will be issued with a WPCS passport.

Illustrated below are the mating's and where the resultant offspring would appear in the Studbook registers:

**Stock bred outside the UK:**

IA x OR = OR

IR x IR = OR

OR x OR = OR

OR x WM (exported from the UK) = OR

WS x OR (exported from the UK) = OR

WS (exported) x WM (exported) = OR

**Stock bred in the UK:**

IA x OR = IR

IR x IR = IR

OR x OR = IR

OR x WM = IR

WS x OR = IR

If an animal is bred by or out of an animal which already holds an (OS) registration with the WPCS then there is no suffix, it appears in the studbook as WS or WM as do all other UK bred animals without any IR or OR parentage.

**Fees**

The charge would be the UK median registration fee of £25 to register a foal in the year of its birth in the (OR) Overseas Register.

NB: It must have a passport from an EU country first.

□ If registered when older then it would incur a late registration fee of £50

The same principles regarding DNA and first purebred foal would apply so in essence registering your foal as an (OR) mirrors the registration of a UK bred foal exactly, the difference being that you are issued a WPCS E-certificate, whereas a UK bred foal is issued a WPCS passport.

**(OR) animals are eligible to compete for WPCS medals and awards and be sold through Official Society sales.**

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