

INTERNATIONAL MINIATURE ZEBU ASSOCIATION

(Hereinafter to be referred to as IMZA)

RULES AND REGULATIONS

RULE 1. MEMBERSHIP:

Membership shall not be limited to natural persons or individuals, but may include legal partnerships, corporations, firms and institutions of learning, executors, administrators, and trustees. The applicant for membership should indicate clearly, the name in which the membership is to be recorded. Any registrations that are recorded on behalf of a member shall be recorded in the same name as it appears on the membership.

If registrations are to be obtained, care should be taken to apply for the membership in exactly the same name that the registrations are to be recorded, either the desired name of the individual, the exact name of the partnership or the corporate name accompanied by the signature of the authorized agent as it is to appear on the application for registration.

RULE 2. VOTING:

Each Founding Member and each Active Membership carries with it, 1(ONE) vote. Associate Memberships and Youth Memberships are not eligible and have no vote.

A. Electronic Voting:

Election of the Directors shall follow in accordance with Article III, Section 3 of the IMZA Bylaws.

Electronic ballots and voting will predominantly replace the paper ballot system used in the past to elect members of the Board of Directors. The 3rd party web based electronic voting system will be chosen by the IMZA Board of Directors based upon such standards they feel will provide reliable unbiased results.

Electronic ballots shall be sent to all active IMZA members on or before March 1st of the election year. Each member will only be allowed to vote once, as restricted by the chosen electronic system. A reminder email may be sent to members who have not voted close to the March 20 conclusion of the campaign. Membership dues must be paid for the current year no later than March 1st to be eligible to receive a ballot.

B. Paper Ballot:

Paper ballots may be requested by any eligible member by contacting the IMZA Board of Directors <https://www.imza.name/contact-us>.

Members can also send a request to the following address or call our office.

IMZA

Attn: BOD Election Ballot

17602 Old Stage Rd

Carson, VA 23830

Office: (407) 717-0084

All paper ballots must be postmarked no later than March 20th of the election year to be counted as valid and included in the tally.

RULE 3. REGISTRATION:

The following rules shall govern all transactions of Birth Reports, Permanent Adult Registrations, Transfers, Deceased Notifications, Breeder Certificates, Hardship Registrations and any other transaction the BOD may add for entry into the permanent registry of the IMZA.

PLEASE SEE THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE FOLLOWING TRANSACTIONS AT www.imza.name

A. Private Herd Record Form:

Discontinued with the inception of the Online Herd Book.

~~Members must submit a copy of this record to the IMZA office in order to receive records of births. This document will be the basic and most important historical document of your herd. It is the responsibility of the owner to maintain accurate herd records. Each animal in your herd should be assigned a Herd ID Number, and all future births and purchases are assigned consecutive numbers. For example, most people list their first Miniature Zebu as #001 and the next as #002, #003, etc. The source would be where (what person or farm — not an auction name — please try to identify the breeder) the Zebu came from. Your first calf might be #006 and under its source you would list 001 & 003 (indicating who its parents are).~~

~~Please name your Miniature Zebu in your Herd Record. The names will be needed for registration application and will appear on the Certificate of Registration. You should enter all Miniature Zebu you have sold and to whom you sold them. It does not cost you to list animals in your Private Herd Record that you submit to IMZA. The only cost is for the actual animals you register. Although some people record purchase and sale price information under the remarks section, please do not submit this information to IMZA.~~

B. REPORT OF BIRTH:

This Application is found on the IMZA website at, www.imza.name.

A Report of Birth is to be used to record the qualified birth of a Miniature Zebu calf, if both the Dam and the Sire are recorded with the IMZA as having their Permanent Adult Registration.

A Report of Birth may also be accepted to report the birth of a calf from a registered Dam and/or Sire that still have a Report of Birth registration designation. This is only allowed and accepted if either or both parents are still under 3 years of age and not yet eligible for a Permanent Adult Registration.

A new and properly recorded Report of Birth (including Hardship Registrations of animals under 36 months of age) will be assigned a permanent registration number designated with the prefix of T, T1, T2, HT1, HT2 or HT3.

For a complete description and the uses of certain prefixes, see the Registration Prefix Glossary on the IMZA website, www.imza.name

A Report of Birth will only be issued to the Owner of the Dam as recorded with the IMZA at the time of calving. Report of Birth Applications submitted to the IMZA from anyone other than the Registered Owner of the Dam at the time of calving, are not valid and will no longer be accepted.

If the Dam was purchased already bred, or the Dam was bred to a Bull you do not own, see RULE12. BREEDERS CERTIFICATES

A Report of Birth may also be used as proper accompanying documentation for completing a Transfer of Ownership if the calf is sold prior to reaching three (3) years of age.

Open Transfers are seen as poor practice and are not allowed. The owner of the Dam at time of calving is responsible for and must register the offspring.

All Report of Birth Certificates expire when the reported calf reaches three (3) years of age.

A Permanent Adult Registration application must be completed at this time to avoid any delays in reporting of the animal's offspring.

It is at the sole discretion of the IMZA Board of Directors, after notifying the recorded owner, to rectify any errors that may be found in the official record.

A Report of Birth alone does not guarantee a Zebu calf will qualify, based on IMZA breed standards, for a Permanent Adult Registration. A Report of Birth does provide assurance that the calf is out of properly registered stock and therefore should otherwise be eligible. This decision is at the sole discretion of the IMZA Board of Directors.

A quality photograph of the calf (with the dam if possible) is required with all Birth Report Applications. If the submitted photograph is inadequate, a replacement photo may be requested

All calves reported should have the breeder's farm prefix in its official name (example: CSA Dolly or Clear Sky Acres Dolly). Once the calf is recorded into the IMZA registry, the farm prefix cannot be changed. All IMZA Members must have their own farm prefix.

If you own or recently acquired a calf with a proper Report of Birth and wish to change the recorded name, see RULE 13. NAME CHANGES.

Provide all available identification for the calf on the Report of Birth Application. Type of identification may include any of the following: **USDA Tag, NUES Tag, Microchip, Ear Tag, Tattoo and/or Brand**. Any number of these identifications recorded with the IMZA will be displayed in the online herd book. Although the IMZA does not require a calf to bear any of these identifications to qualify for a Report of Birth, we advise you to familiarize yourself with any requirements or changes in Federal and State Laws.

See identification legend on our website for more detail, www.imza.name

See fee schedule on our website, www.imza.name for current applicable fee.

C. PERMANENT ADULT REGISTRATION:

All Report of Birth certificates expire when the animal reaches three (3) years of age and a Permanent Adult Registration application must be submitted to the IMZA registrar at that time. Only IMZA registered Miniature Zebu having had their Birth Report properly recorded with the IMZA are eligible for permanent registration.

A Properly recorded Adult Registration will have the permanent registration number identified with the prefix of Z, H1, H2 or H3.

A recent quality photograph of the animal is required to be submitted with all Permanent Registration applications and is part of the permanent record. If the submitted photograph is considered inadequate for the permanent record, another photograph may be required.

The registered owner must provide and certify the height of the Adult Miniature Zebu. This is done by measuring the animal directly behind the hump. Please see, *How to Measure your Zebu*, on the IMZA website, <https://www.imza.name/how-to-measure>. The *Breed Standards* can also be found on our website, <https://www.imza.name/about-zebu>. Permanent Adult Registration requires the adult Zebu to be no taller than forty two (42) inches. Adult Zebu that are taller than forty two (42) inches shall not be eligible for registration.

Please provide all current identification, additional identification, or changes to existing identification for the Zebu on the Permanent Adult Registration application. Types of identification may include any of the following: **USDA Tag, NUES Tag, Microchip, Ear Tag, Tattoo and/or Brand**. Any number of these identifications recorded with the IMZA will be displayed in the online herd book. Although the IMZA does not require an adult Zebu to bear any of these identifications to qualify for a Permanent Adult Registration, we advise you familiarize yourself with any changes in Federal and State Laws.

(See identification legend on our website for more detail, www.imza.name)

Permanent Adult Registrations do not expire and will remain documented as such in the IMZA registry.

If you own or recently acquired an IMZA Registered Miniature Zebu and wish to change the recorded name, see RULE 13. NAME CHANGES

It is at the sole discretion of the IMZA Board of Directors, after notifying the registered owner, to rectify any errors that may be found in the official record.

See fee schedule on our website, www.imza.name for applicable fee.

D. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP:

Every change of ownership must be recorded with the IMZA so that progeny can be registered and subsequent changes in ownership recorded.

The IMZA requires the Seller to promptly complete the Transfer of Ownership to the new Owner/Buyer within 60 days of the sale.

If the animal is three (3) years of age or older, a new height measurement must be taken and certified by the Seller on the Transfer of Ownership application.

Open Transfers are seen as poor practice and are not allowed. The Zebu must be registered in the Seller's name before a Transfer of Ownership can be completed.

Please provide all current identification, additional identification or changes to existing identification, if any, for the Zebu on the Transfer of Ownership Application. Type of identification may include any of the following: **USDA Tag, NUES Tag, Microchip, Ear Tag, Tattoo and/or Brand.** Any number of these identifications recorded with the IMZA will be displayed in the online herd book. Although the IMZA does not require an adult Zebu to bear any of these identifications to qualify for a Transfer of Ownership, we advise you to familiarize yourself with any changes in Federal and State Laws.

E. PERCENT ZEBU:

Repealed: see Amendment II

~~Percentage miniature zebu heifers were allowed to be recorded and registered as such in the IMZA registry, if a registered Foundation pure bull sired them. As of April 1, 1995, the registry was completely closed to half blood breeding. There are still 1/2 percent 3/4 percent and 7/8 percent zebu in the registry. When heifer calves reach 15/16 percentage (i.e., calves out of registered 7/8 percent cows and sired by a registered Foundation pure bull) the heifer calves will be recorded as Native Pure Bred and will be eligible for application for full registration, when they become three (3) years of age.~~

~~When heifer calves reach 31/32 Native Pure (i.e., calves out of 15/16 Native Pure cows and sired by a Foundation Pure bull) the heifer calves will be recorded as Foundation Pure and will be eligible for application for full registration when they become (3) years of age. The registration fee for qualified animals being transferred from Native Pure to Foundation Pure born on or before April 7, 2005 is \$25.00 for members and \$50.00 for non-members. The fee for qualified animals being transferred from Native Pure to Foundation Pure after April 7, 2005 is \$15.00 for members and \$30.00 for non-members.~~

~~Bull calves born to percentage cows will not be eligible for birth recording or registry until they have reached the Native Pure (or 31/32) level. Only bull calves out of 15/16 registered Native Pure cows and sired by a registered Foundation Pure bull will be eligible for registration.~~

F. HARDSHIP REGISTRATIONS:

A person desiring to register a Miniature Zebu whose parents do not both hold IMZA Registration Certificates may apply to do so under the Hardship Registration Rule. The applicant may obtain a Hardship Registration application form by downloading the document from the IMZA website or by requesting a copy from the IMZA registrar by phone or email. Only animals 24 months of age or older qualify for Hardship Registration. The applicant shall submit a completed Hardship Registration application to the IMZA registrar, along with any and all supporting information available. Supporting information may include: a) at least 4 current photos of the animal – front, left side, right side and rear (mandatory) b) date of birth (mandatory) c) copies of any records or documents related to date of birth or parentage d) photos of the animal's parents e) names and or traceable history of parents f) summary explanation of animal's and/or parent's background, etc. The Hardship Registration application fee shall be established by the Board of Directors and is subject to change at any time. The current fee, as stated on the IMZA website <https://www.imza.name/registrations> must be submitted in full at the time of application. The Hardship Registration Committee (hereafter "HRC") will review each application and determine by majority vote if the animal is approved or

rejected for Hardship Registration. Consideration may be given to the animal's appearance, background etc. All decisions made by the HRC are final. Animals whose applications are approved by the HRC shall immediately achieve the status, "Appearance Certified." Applications not approved by the HRC (first attempt only) will receive a refund of the Hardship Registration application fee, less a \$10 administrative charge. The HRC committee may choose to reject an animal without prejudice if they feel they do not have sufficient information to make a decision and would like the owner to re-submit the application with additional information. Re-submission of an application rejected without prejudice will again be considered as a first attempt. The HRC has the right to require a negative test result for chondrodysplasia or any other genetic defect it deems necessary. Animals not approved by the HRC may be resubmitted for consideration, but no applications other than a first attempt will be considered for a refund, if not approved. All applications reviewed by the HRC will receive a notice of outcome by mail or email.

G. IMPORTATION OF MINIATURE ZEBU OR SEMEN:

A person desiring to register a Zebu imported into the United States or Canada from another country or to register an animal located in another country whose parentage can be verified, but whose parents are not registered with IMZA, must submit an application, plus current photos of the animal - front, left side, right side, and rear view and as extensive a background pedigree as available, to the IMZA office. If the animal is registered with another registry outside the United States, information regarding the registration, including a copy of the Registration Certificate shall be submitted. Imported Semen being used for artificial insemination will be treated as an import registration. Height of mature animals (3 years and older) is to be verified on affidavit by a Veterinarian. When available, DNA testing for parentage is desirable. The IMZA member application fee is \$100.00 per animal; nonmember fee is \$200.00 per animal. An Import Committee will determine by majority vote, the classification of the imported Miniature Zebu from the submitted application, photos and supporting documentation. All decisions of the IMZA Import Committee will be final.

H: AUCTION ANIMALS:

Special instructions for animals sold at Auction:

The Seller is required to provide a signed, completed Transfer form to the Auction or directly to the Buyer. Seller must also provide a completed Auction Purchased Cattle Transfer Authorization form to the Auction or directly to the Buyer; or the Seller must complete the online Auction Form to notify the registrar that the animal was sold at auction. The Buyer must then promptly submit the Transfer Form and if provided to him, the Transfer Authorization Form, to the IMZA registrar.

RULE 4. DECEASED REPORT:

If an IMZA registered Zebu has died, the registration number, name and date shall be reported using the provided form found on our website. <https://www.imza.name/registrations>

It is very important to report all deaths to the IMZA promptly to keep the registry accurate and up to date. There is no fee to report a deceased Miniature Zebu.

RULE 5. BREEDERS RESPONSIBLE FOR RECORDS:

Discontinued with the inception of the Online Herd Book.

~~Each member shall keep an individual private herd record in which shall be tabulated the individual identification numbers of each animal and such other information concerning ancestry and breeding of same, that will make clear and positive for all times the parentage of an animal offered for registration in Association Herd Registry. Individual identification numbers shall be given to calves before they are registered.~~

RULE 6. DISAGREEMENTS OR DISPUTES BETWEEN SELLER AND BUYER:

The IMZA shall not assume the responsibility of settling disputes between a seller and a buyer concerning financial agreements, ownership, overall health, false undocumented DNA claims, fertility issues, or any other matters.

RULE 7. CORRECTIONS OF CERTIFICATES:

When a certificate of any kind is received from the IMZA, it should be immediately checked to determine if correct. If an error is discovered or a change of certificate classification found necessary, you should notify the IMZA as soon as possible for correction. Any alterations to the official certificate, except by the IMZA, shall invalidate the certificate. Errors made by the IMZA will be corrected free of charge, but if made by the breeder or owner, an applicable fee applies. Please contact the registrar for further assistance, imzainfo@gmail.com

See fee schedule on the IMZA website, www.imza.name for applicable fee.

RULE 8. DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES:

A duplicate certificate shall be issued upon a sworn statement to the IMZA from the recorded or registered owner of the Zebu that such certificate has been lost, destroyed or damaged. Duplicate certificates shall supersede the original. If the lost certificate is found after a duplicate was issued, it must be returned to the IMZA. Please contact the registrar for further assistance, imzainfo@gmail.com

See fee schedule on our website, www.imza.name for applicable fee

RULE 9. PHOTOGRAPHS AND DOCUMENTS:

All submitted photographs and documents either by postal, courier, website, e-mail or any social media platform administrated by the IMZA shall become the property of the IMZA. All submitted

photographs may be used free of any copyright or trademark claims and also be used royalty free as content or promotional material for the IMZA.

RULE 10. HERD BOOK SALE LISTINGS:

Please see our website for instructions on how to view cattle for sale and how to list your Registered Miniature Zebu for sale in the Herd Book. <https://www.imza.name/list-a-zebu-for-sale>

Disclaimer:

The International Miniature Zebu Association, its Board of Directors and/or its Registrar does not vet the accuracy of the listing text beforehand and will not be held liable for any of the content found to be inaccurate. That information may include, but is not limited to gender/castration, height, fertility, temperament and inaccurate DNA claims.

The sale shall be considered a private transaction. The IMZA does not and will not engage in or settle disputes of monetary claims and agreements between the seller and buyer.

General Terms and Conditions:

All members shall be respectful in their listing(s) as not to disparage any other member, non-member or person(s) of the general public. If such disparagement is brought to the attention of the IMZA, we reserve the right to remove the sale listing and if deemed appropriate, take further action as decided by the Board of Directors.

We expect every user will be honest and truthful when giving their description of the Miniature Zebu for sale. The IMZA reserves the right to request that a member correct the listing if such information is found to contain inaccuracies.

Additional photos can be uploaded for an animal for sale listing in the "Upload Photos" section of the herd book along with your For Sale listing. We encourage all members to use this function for better presentation of the Miniature Zebu listed for sale. The use of properly sized quality photos is recommended. Any photos deemed distasteful or inappropriate will be removed by the IMZA.

All For Sale listings have a 90 (ninety) day auto expiration date, from time of listing. It is the responsibility of the member to re-post the ad if desired. No notice of expiration or the nearing of expiration will be given to a member by the IMZA.

Any abuse of the IMZA Herd Book Sale Listing by any person(s) shall be considered a breach of good faith and future access to the IMZA Herd Book Sale Listing may be suspended or terminated.

RULE 11. DNA TESTING AND ANALYSIS:

DNA testing and analysis for BD1 and BDz Chondrodysplasia (Bulldog Dwarfism) is now available through UC Davis VGL as well as Genotyping, A2 Milk Protein Analysis and Parent Verification.

DNA Testing and Analysis is not mandatory with the IMZA in order to register your Miniature Zebu. It is a voluntary system set up to provide more tools to help you better manage your herd.

These results shall be listed in the IMZA Online Herd Book only if the Genotype for the specific animal is on file with UC Davis VGL and affiliated with the IMZA's VGL account.

Please see the DNA Submission Guidelines on the IMZA website for further information on testing you herd: <https://www.imza.name/dna-submission-guide>

The IMZA DNA Submission Guidelines are hereby incorporated into this rule.

RULE 12. BREEDERS CERTIFICATES:

When a pregnant animal is sold, the Seller should provide to the Buyer a Breeders Certificate, certifying the bull to which the cow is bred. If an animal is sold as open, but is found to be pregnant, the offspring cannot be registered, unless a completed and properly signed, Breeder's Certificate is submitted to the IMZA registrar.

RULE 13. NAME CHANGES:

A Registered Miniature Zebu's name may be changed as long as the request is submitted prior to any offspring being recorded with the IMZA. The Breeder's Farm prefix may not be changed, once an animal is recorded with the IMZA.

Once a Miniature Zebu has offspring recorded with the IMZA, the name is permanent and no part of the name can be changed. The Name Change Request form can be found on the IMZA website, www.imza.name

See Fee schedule on the IMZA website, www.imza.name

RULE 14. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS:

The following rules and structure shall regulate the course and structure of all elected and vacated seats on the Board of Directors of the IMZA.

Pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the IMZA Bylaws, Directors will be elected for a three (3) year term.

Pursuant to Article III Section 4 of the IMZA Bylaws, if a Director, during his term of office, dies, or resigns, or disperses his herd and ceases to be an active breeder of Miniature Zebu, or should he fail to attend two consecutive meetings, or otherwise fail to perform the duties of a Director, the Board of Directors may, after appropriate notice to such Director, remove him from office and declare a vacancy. The Board of Directors may then fill the vacancy by appointment of a new Director for the unexpired portion of the term.

In event of a tie, the winner shall be determined via a coin toss conducted by a disinterested party in observation of a witness(es).

As of the 2/23/2022, there are currently nine (9) approved seats on the Board of Directors. They are apportioned as follows:

BOD SEAT GROUP 1:

* Term expires in 2022 and every 3rd year cycle forward

(seat A) *Director*

(seat B) *Director*

(seat C) *Director*

BOD SEAT GROUP 2:

* Term expires in 2023 and every 3rd year cycle forward

(seat A) *Director*

(seat B) *Director*

(seat C) *Director*

BOD SEAT GROUP 3:

* Term expires in 2024 and every 3rd year cycle forward

(seat A) *Director*

(seat B) *Director*

(seat C) *Director*

No vacated seats are open or eligible for ballot election until the 3-year term expires for that vacated seat. The right to fill a vacated seat belongs to the Board of Directors as expressed in the IMZA Bylaws.

RULE 15. MEMBER PRIVACY:

The Board finds that to release a full list of the IMZA members including those who have not elected to make their information public,

"would impair the rights of privacy or free association of the members."

1) The International Miniature Zebu Association shall respect the privacy rights of the membership.

(a) The Association, by resolution, shall limit the right to inspect the list of members so not to impair the rights of privacy or free association of the shareholders or members.

(b) The limitation shall apply to all persons and include members of the Association, attorneys or agents for members.

(c) Private information of a member may include but is not limited to a member's first and last name, member number, farm name, mailing address, telephone number, email address, social media address or website address.

(d) The Association provides a Member Directory within the website of the Association where current year active members, who elect to share and make public, their personal or business information, can opt-in and choose to do so for the purpose of communications from and with other members or the general public.

(e) The Registrar, members of the Board of Directors, contractors, vendors or associates of the Association shall not honor any request to inspect and/or provide by any means or any source, the membership list of the Association other than provided in the Member Directory.

(f) The intentional violation of this rule, including the distribution of the list of members shall be subject to penalty under the provisions of Article V of the Bylaws.

(g) "inspect records" includes to copy and make extracts from the records of this corporation or copies made by photographic, xerographic, or other means.

RULE 16. DNA RELATED RECLASSIFICATION of IMZA PEDIGREES:

Amended: October 27, 2022

When incorrect parentage is found due to DNA Parent Verification, sometimes it is possible and sometimes it is not possible to determine the correct parentage. Situations may result from a Sire and/or Dam being recorded in error, or they may be deceased or unable to be located. A sole case of an unknown Parent Verification may result in the reclassification of multiple generations of progeny.

A DNA Parent Verification Exclusion Disclosure form is available and can be found on the IMZA website.

The following rule shall govern the process taken in the event of a DNA Parent Verification Exclusion.

1) When the IMZA, the Board of Directors, the DNA Committee or the Registrar has been made aware of or notified of an official DNA Parent Verification Exclusion, the owner on record will immediately be notified by the IMZA and afforded a fourteen (14) calendar day period from the date of notification. During the fourteen (14) calendar day period, the owner/breeder may elect to notify progeny owners, resubmit new DNA Parent Verification testing or take necessary steps to verifiably correct the discrepancy. No reclassifications to any pedigrees will take place during the fourteen (14) calendar day period. Upon expiration of the fourteen (14) calendar day period, the IMZA shall notify all the affected owners, including progeny owners within the pedigree(s) of the DNA Parent Verification excluded animal. The Registered Pedigrees of all affected animals shall also be reclassified after the expiration of the fourteen (14) calendar day period according to procedures outlined in this rule.

Reissuance of Reclassified IMZA Registration Certificates shall be of no cost.

2) When Parent Verification has excluded a previously registered Sire and/or Dam through DNA testing, the status of the registered progeny shall be downgraded.

3) The new classification of registration shall hereby be known as *Conditional* and assigned the registration prefix of "C". The continuance of the pedigree shall follow and use the identical progression formula as outlined in the Hardship Registration Guidelines to attain Foundation Pure status.

4) The excluded Sire and/or Dam shall be removed from the pedigree(s) of the progeny being affected and replaced with Undetermined by DNA.

5) Previous generations before the animal(s) designated as *Undetermined by DNA* will be recorded as *Unavailable*.

6) The classification, registration and the pedigree of the excluded parent(s) will remain unchanged in the Registry of other Non-Parent Verified progeny.

7) This process will only occur in cases of previously registered IMZA animals that have a parent(s) excluded by DNA.

8) Animals that have an excluded Sire and/or Dam through the DNA Parent Verification process shall be assigned a C1 prefix as a replacement to the previous prefix of their existing IMZA Registration Number.

Subsequent registered generations shall also be assigned a C prefix as a replacement to the previous prefix of their existing registration numbers.

Example: Z-xxxx will be changed to C1-xxxx.

9) The first and subsequent generations of the excluded animal(s) shall also be reclassified as *Appearance Certified* on the Registration Certificate(s) until the progression formula to attain Foundation Pure or DNA evidence to restore the pedigree has been achieved.

10) At any time, an IMZA affiliated and verified DNA Parent Verification to an IMZA registered animal may be submitted as evidence to reverse the reclassification and/or restore the pedigree(s) in question to the proper classification. *The original breeder may also submit an official Breeder Affidavit of Parentage Correction to correct the pedigree and will be subject to all current rules of Report of Birth, (ref IMZA Rule 17)* The proper classification will be determined by the classification of the parent(s).

DNA evidence is subject to review and verification by the DNA Committee and the Board of Directors.

11) In unusual and/or extenuating DNA related circumstances, the DNA Committee shall submit to the Board of Directors all evidence and documentation that may substantiate the circumstance. The Board of Directors shall have the power to make, approve or deny additional considerations as deemed proper.

12) The new C registration prefix shall supersede the H registration prefix only when C classified animals are bred to H classified animals. The progression formula shall remain identical as outlined in the Hardship Registration Guidelines. This shall provide that the *Undetermined by DNA* animal(s) remain recorded in the affected pedigree until restored.

Example: C1 + H3 = C1, C3 + H2 = C2 and so forth.

13) If at any time, a DNA Profile and/or a Parent Verification is found to have been falsified in an attempt alter, correct, restore, or misrepresent a pedigree, procedures authorized and outlined in Article V of the Bylaws may be pursued.

14) To be fair and consistent with the recordings of the registry, the following rule shall be retroactive and apply to all previous cases where DNA Parent Verification has excluded an animal(s) in an IMZA Registered Pedigree.

The following appendix shall be incorporated into RULE 16

Appendix A:

Progression to Foundation Pure:

The progression from C1 to Foundation Pure status is as follows:

- C (1) + Z = C (2)
- C (2) + Z = C (3)
- C (3) + Z = Z

- $C(1) + C(3) = C(1)$
- $C(2) + C(3) = C(2)$
- $C(3) + C(3) = C(3)$
- $C(1) + C(2) = C(1)$
- $C(2) + C(2) = C(2)$
- $C(1) + C(1) = C(1)$

When two (2) C registered animals are paired for breeding, the offspring will retain the status of the lowest C parent.

To attain a higher C generational status, one parent of the breeding pair must be registered Foundation Pure.

RULE 17. BREEDER AFFIDAVIT OF PARENTAGE CORRECTION:

(Ref: IMZA Rule 16.10)

1) Affidavit:

At any time, an IMZA affiliated and verified DNA Parent Verification to an IMZA registered animal may be submitted as evidence to reverse the reclassification and/or restore the pedigree(s) in question to the proper classification. The original breeder may also submit an official Breeder Affidavit of Parentage Correction to correct the pedigree and will be subject to all current rules of Report of Birth. The proper classification will be determined by the classification of the parent(s). DNA evidence is subject to review and verification by the DNA Committee and the Board of Directors

If a DNA Parent Verification has excluded a Sire and/or a Dam from a registered offspring, a member who currently owns and who submitted the DNA of the offspring of the DNA Excluded Sire and/or Dam may elect this option for an attempt to replace the recorded Sire and/or Dam in the IMZA Registry without DNA Parent Verification.

All procedures described herein shall adhere to the current Report of Birth Rules and all other Registration Rules that may apply.

a) Only the Official IMZA Breeder Affidavit of Parentage Correction document will be accepted for review.

- b)** The affidavit shall be testimony by the original breeder on record that an incorrect mating and/or a recording error could be probable for the exclusion.
- c)** The affidavit shall be required from the original recorded breeder on record of the offspring of the excluded Sire and/or Dam.
- d)** The affidavit shall require in writing and to the best of the original breeder's knowledge and/or records, a detailed explanation of all evidence that he/she did own on record and possess the replacement Sire at the time of breeding and/or the replacement Dam at the time of the calving of the offspring.
- e)** The affidavit shall be signed and dated in ink by the original breeder on record and the current owner on record of the offspring, If the original breeder is also the current owner, the current owner must provide a signature as both.
- f)** If the original breeder on record does not have information to offer, refuses to cooperate, cannot be located or for any other reason the affidavit cannot be attained from the original breeder, a forfeiture shall apply to any attempt to replace a DNA Excluded Sire and/or Dam of an offspring and will be subject to the provisions outlined in IMZA Rule 16.
- g)** There shall be no ability to electronically complete and submit an official Breeder's Parentage Affidavit.

2) Compliance, Additional Required Criteria and Documentation:

- a)** If a Heifer or Cow was acquired or sold bred or a bull was borrowed, leased, rented or the like, a Breeders Certificate from the owner of the bull or the breeder must be submitted. Failure to submit a Breeders Certificate under these circumstances shall invalidate any claim.
- b)** Additional documented evidence of ownership, including photographs may also be included and forwarded to the IMZA Board of Directors.
- c)** All submitted documents and/or evidence shall be subject to review only by the IMZA Board of Directors. Submitted documents do not assure guaranteed approval. All submitted documents and photographs shall become property of IMZA.
- d)** If all requirements are fulfilled and accepted by the Board of Directors there shall not be a "Sire and/or Dam Qualifies" documented in the IMZA Herd Book for Parentage.
- e)** If all requirements are fulfilled and accepted by the Board of Directors an Error Correction Form must then be submitted by the owner of the offspring.
- f)** Any attempt to falsify documents, offer compensation for, intimidate, or mislead the original breeder or any party involved in the attempt to alter the official record shall be subject to the provisions of Article V of the Bylaws of the Association.

3) Limitations:

- a)** There shall be no limit on time to exercise this option and submit all required documents, but all reclassifications set forth in Rule #16 of the IMZA Rules and Regulations shall apply until such a time.
- b)** The process of exercising this option and all procedures set forth under this rule shall be limited to one (1) for each offspring or specific animal.
- c)** If at any time it is found and verified through a DNA Parent Verification that the approved replacement Sire and/or Dam has also been excluded from the offspring, no other attempt to

correct the pedigree by breeder affidavit will be accepted. A verified DNA Parent Verification report shall be required as the only means to restore the pedigree in question, IMZA Rule #16 shall apply.

CHANGES TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS:

RULES AND REGULATIONS – IMZA Rule 3, F: Alternate Registrations. On 11 July 2011. Re-established Hardship registration. Changed name from Hardship to Alternate Registration and changed minimum age for Alternate Registration to 24 months. Also changed related Alternate Registration Committee Guidelines.

RULES AND REGULATIONS – IMZA Rule 3, F: Alternate Registrations. On 21 March 2013. Added verbiage regarding the ARC right to require a “chondrodysplasia” test if deemed necessary.

RULES AND REGULATIONS - IMZA Rule 3, B, C, D: Report of Birth, Registration Application, Transfer Application
On 09 April 2014 Dropped late fees for all Report of Birth, Registration applications and Transfer applications.

RULES AND REGULATIONS - IMZA Rule 3, F: Hardship Registration.
On 01 December 2014 Changed name from Alternate Registration back to original name of Hardship Registration.

RULES AND REGULATIONS - IMZA Rule 3 Registration, B: Report of Birth,
On November 1, 2015, added verbiage governing the naming of an animal and changes to a registered animal's name.

RULES AND REGULATIONS - IMZA Rule 3, B: Report of Birth. On April 10, 2019, Added verbiage and clarification that the Owner of the Dam is responsible for and must register the birth of the offspring.

RULES AND REGULATIONS - IMZA Rule: 3, C. Permanent Adult Registration. On April 10, 2019, clarified the rules verbiage to state that the registered owner on the Report of Birth must be the one to apply for a Permanent Adult Registration.

RULES AND REGULATIONS - IMZA Rule 3, D. Transfer of Ownership. On April 10, 2019, clarified the rules verbiage to state, the Zebu must be registered in the Seller's name before a Transfer of Ownership can be completed.

RULES AND REGULATIONS - IMZA Rule 3, A. Private Herd Record Form. On December 07, 2019, Struck Rule 3 from the current Rules and Regulations due to obsolescence.

RULES AND REGULATIONS - IMZA Rule 5. Breeder Responsible for Records, On December 07, 2019, Struck Rule 5 from current Rules and Regulations due to obsolescence.

RULES AND REGULATIONS - IMZA Rule 10. On February 11, 2020, Added IMZA Herd Book Sale Listings. Including the Disclaimer and the Terms and Conditions

RULES AND REGULATIONS - IMZA Rule 11. On February 11, 2020, Added Voluntary DNA Testing and Analysis with a link to the IMZA DNA Submission Guidelines as incorporated into this rule.

RULES AND REGULATIONS – IMZA Rule 14. On February 23, 2022, Added Board of Directors Elections rule to regulate the course and structure of all elected and vacated seats on the Board of Directors of the IMZA

RULES AND REGULATIONS – IMZA Rule 15. On March 24, 2022, Added Member Privacy Rule, The Board finds that to release a full list of the IMZA members including those who have not elected to make their information public,

"would impair the rights of privacy or free association of the members."

RULES AND REGULATIONS – IMZA Rule 16. On August 19, 2022, Added Approved DNA Related Reclassification of IMZA Pedigrees Rule. Existing IMZA Pedigrees that contain a DNA Parent Verification Excluded parent will be reclassified according to this rule.

Amended October 27, 2022 – Rule 16.10: *The original breeder may also submit an official Breeder Affidavit of Parentage Correction to correct the pedigree and will be subject to all current rules of Report of Birth, (ref IMZA Rule 17)*

RULES AND REGULATIONS – IMZA Rule 17. On Oct 31, 2022, Added as a companion rule to Rule 16. For the sole purpose of allowing the use of a Breeder Affidavit in the event of Parent Verification Exclusion.

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