

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION AND/OR USE OF
IMPORTED FROZEN, CHILLED or FRESH SEMEN
BREEDING SEASON 2023/2024**

IMPORTER or STUDMASTER

To:

- import semen from a stallion standing outside Australia in the 2023/2024 Australian Breeding Season, or
 - register semen taken from a stallion while standing in Australia in a previous breeding season that is currently standing outside Australia or who is now deceased:
1. Lodge the following items with Harness Racing Australia (HRA) by email – registrar@hra.com.au:
 - **Application to Import Semen Form (ISR-1)**
 - **Stallion Registration Form (R274B-2)**
Note: A separate Form needs to be completed for each individual stallion
 - Copy of Import Permit for the semen (Australian Government Department of Agriculture)
 - Payment of the season registration fee of \$500.00 per Stallion (ex GST) by credit card or direct deposit. (HRA DD – BSB 633 000 Account: 159 968 668).
Payment is the responsibility of the Importer of the frozen/chilled/fresh semen named on the Application.

If multiple importers apply for the importation of semen from the same Stallion, each importer is required to complete an ISR-1 form and pay the season Registration Fee of \$500.00 (ex GST) to register the Stallion.

Please Note: Applications will not be considered until such time as payment is received. All registrations and payments are to be made by 31st October 2023.

Any payments made after this date shall incur a late fee of \$1,000 (GST included) per stallion registered.

2. Upon receipt of the items listed in Point 1 and approval of an Application, HRA will:
 - Confirm approval of the Application by email or mail to the Importer.
 - Issue a Certificate of Approval for the import and/or use of imported frozen and chilled semen for 2023/2024.
 - Forward a copy of the approved Application to the relevant State Controlling Body for registration in that State.
 - Issue a weekly press releases with the names of each approved imported semen stallion.

3. The Importer of frozen/chilled/fresh semen must comply with **all AQIS protocols and Requirements** for the importation of semen.
4. The Importer of frozen/chilled semen **must** comply with the **Australian Harness Racing Rules – Rule 285 (A) (7) and HRA Artificial Breeding Rules.**

SEMEN CONTROLLER

A person holding or dealing with semen from a stallion standing outside Australia in the 2023/2024 Australian Breeding Season is required to register as a Semen Controller (refer to [AHHR Rules 284 and 285](#)). To register:

5. **Registration as a Semen Controller Form**

Contact the relevant State Controlling Body for this form. When the form is completed please lodge it with the SCB.

6. **Mares Insemination Form (ISR-3A or ISR-3B)**

After serving of mares for the season, complete and lodge this form with HRA by the end of March 2024. Any mares served after this date are to be notified to HRA by the end of April 2024.

Semen Controllers who are unable to notify services via Harnessweb should use Form ISR-3A. Semen Controllers who notify services via Harnessweb please use Form ISR-3B.

7. **Imported Semen Stallion Audit Form (ISR-4)**

After serving of mares for the season, complete and lodge this form with HRA by the end of April 2024. Separate Audit Forms also need to be completed for each stallion.

8. A Semen Controller **must** comply with the **Australian Harness Racing Rules – [Rule 285 \(A\) \(7\)](#) and all [HRA Artificial Breeding Rules](#).**

Note 1: Failure to comply with these Requirements may render the progeny from any services ineligible for registration in the Australian Trotting Stud Book.

Note2: Failure by the Semen Controller & Artificial Breeding Technicians to comply with these Requirements will result in referral to the Registrar of the State for Inquiry by the relevant Chairman of Stewards.

Note 3: An Artificial Breeding Technician handling semen imported into Australia for the 2023/2024 Australian Breeding Season is required to be accredited with their State Controlling Body.

Note 4: The ownership of imported frozen/chilled/fresh semen and payment is a matter of commercial contract between the overseas semen provider and the Importer. Neither HRA nor a State Controlling Body will intervene in this contractual process. However, it should be noted that the best commercial practice is expected and should be observed by all parties to maintain Australia's reputation within the International Harness Racing Community.