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AMBA Board of Director's A*N*N*O*U*N*C*E*M*E*N*T

Effective Immediately

SUBJECT: Provisional Registration Parameters

Provisional Resolution:

Due to the extremely difficult situation balancing the accuracy and integrity of the AMBA Herdbook with the true crisis unknowing Breeder Members face after purchasing what they thought were fully qualified and registered hogs, the Board of Directors met again, and with input from our subject matter expert, Dr. Juan P. Steibel, Iowa State University, the following resolution was made.

Provisional Registration for Lars3 Progeny

Lars3 pigs have been under extreme scrutiny for a few years and the only way to "prove" him is through his progeny via DNA testing. AMBA has identified one 'first son' specimen and will continue to look for other first line offspring from other dams.

AMBA Registry is currently open to Lars3 offspring with the following rules:

A - Applications for litters with Lars3 in the pedigree must first come through the AMBA Office, PO Box 2883, Appomattox, VA 24553, or mulefootregistry@gmail.com, for pre-approval.

Enter "P" or Provisional Registration on email subject line & in all documents. Documents required:

- 1 Membership application (if not current in dues)
- 2 Worksheet (unless Combo-Application is available)
- 3 Registration application with "P" noted (if updated Registration Application is

currently unavailable, please use available Registration Application on website, noting "P" for Provisional Application.)

B - Registration process shall follow this process:

- 1 "P" prefix will be noted on the Certificate of Registry (preceding number).
- 2 "P" or Provisional Registration Application must be accompanied with a photograph of full face with ears and ear tags or notches visible.
- 3 Additional photographs with each hoof clearly depicted and marked, and showing back and sides for coat identification, must be submitted.
- 4 Registry will retain photos as part of Provisional Registration candidate's permanent record.
- 5 Email documentation and photos are acceptable (preferred), sent to: mulefootregistry@gmail.com.
- a) Do NOT send "P" Provisional documentation or photographs to Registry in Kansas.
- b) Photographic evidence must be accepted by the Board and/or expert team members prior to submission to Registry.
- 6 AMBA will contact owner of acceptance as Provisional Candidate, and only then will payment be required. If paying by check, mail to: AMBA Provisional, PO Box 2883, Appomattox, VA 24522. If using PayPal, submit payment receipt via email to mulefootregistry@gmail.com.

C - Breeding a Lars3 progeny hog:

- 1 "P" or Provisional registered stock should not be bred to any related or Lars3 progeny until cleared through DNA testing.
- 2 Lars3 progeny must report litters through AMBA, Appomattox office, until notification received that the Lars3 line has been authenticated through DNA testing.
- 3 ANY coat color irregularity in offspring must be submitted to AMBA, Appomattox office, with photo of full face, ear tag/notches clearly depicted and photo of coat irregularity. Registration application or a similar document may be required to retain piglet or litter information with irregular coat color. This provision will be ongoing with Lars3 progeny until further notice.
- 4 Lars3 progeny reported piglets or litters with coat irregularities do not require fees in the case of terminal or feeder breeding. This step is for identification and tracking anomalies within the Lars3 line only.

5 - Lars3 progeny with irregular coat color or other anomalies but may not be sold or transferred as "register-able". Registration or Provisional Registration should not be attempted.

D - "P" Provisional Registration designation:

- 1 "P" prefix will remain on the Herd Book record if and until Lars3 is exonerated by completion of scientifically acceptable proof by DNA testing.
- 2 Upon completion of DNA testing showing purebred status of Lars3 and progeny, or acceptable scientific percentage within the American Mulefoot Hog family, "P" status will be updated to designate "DNA authenticated". Code for DNA authentication has not been determined at this point. Certificate of Registry number with "P" prefix will remain unchanged.
- 3 Owners of Lars3 stock authenticated by DNA testing will receive a letter of explanation of status, and any receiving a new Certificate of Registry (ie: non-member DNA tested and related stock, new litters of Lars3 stock irregardless of position in lineage) will show DNA authentication.
- E Owners of "P" Provisional Registration stock related to Lars3, upon DNA authentication, can submit Membership Application and Work Sheet (unless Combo Application is available) with applicable fee(s) to purchase a Duplicate reprint of their "P" Provisional Certificate of Registry with the new DNA authentication code.
- F Failure of any Lars3, or any other AMBA Certificate of Registry stock including Recovery Candidates, to test for DNA and meet scientific qualifications for acceptable scientific standard ("purebred") to be included in the original AMBA Herd Book will be disqualified and the current owner will be notified.
- G AMBA, Directors, Volunteers, Registry, subject matter experts or DNA service providers shall not be held financially or legally liable for any actions or results of DNA testing.
- H AMBA is working on parameters for a Second Tier registration process and Herdbook Supplemental. This information will be finalized and announced at a later date.
- I AMBA reserves the right to add to or remove procedures and processes to maintain the accuracy and integrity of AMBA's Herdbook.