

## PROTECT YOUR HERD PEDIGREE STATUS!

**DO NOT ASSUME THAT ALL BULLS in use in AI ARE  
classed in the IHFA Herdbook as PEDIGREE REGISTERED!**



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Dear Member,

I wish to bring to your attention the current situation regarding the Herdbook Classification of bulls in use in AI.

Historically all bulls for use in AI were required to be classed Pedigree status with the Herdbook. This is no longer the case!

Under EU legislation IHFA had to introduce a **SUPPLEMENTARY class - SRM** status for males that did not conform to the rules.

**SRM status bulls may be 100% Holstein Friesian or fractions thereof.** Do not assume that they are mainline pedigree sires. EU legislation does not accept grading through the male line which is the case with most.

**If you use an SRM sire on a Pedigree cow the resultant female progeny will lose its Ped Status.**

The lack of identification of Herdbook status on AI Bulls in catalogues, advertising, mating services and other media is of concern to IHFA and the Board wish to highlight awareness to help you the breeder.

Before taking decisions on mating selections you must inform yourself of the Herdbook status of the Bulls.

**SRM = Supplementary Male Registered**  **Bull is NOT Pedigree Registered**

- Female progeny will be Graded ASR, Supplementary Registered.
- Male progeny will be Graded SRM.

**PED = Bull is Pedigree Registered**  **No loss of Pedigree Status**

Conform to the rules to attain Pedigree status.

Yours Sincerely

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Chief Executive.