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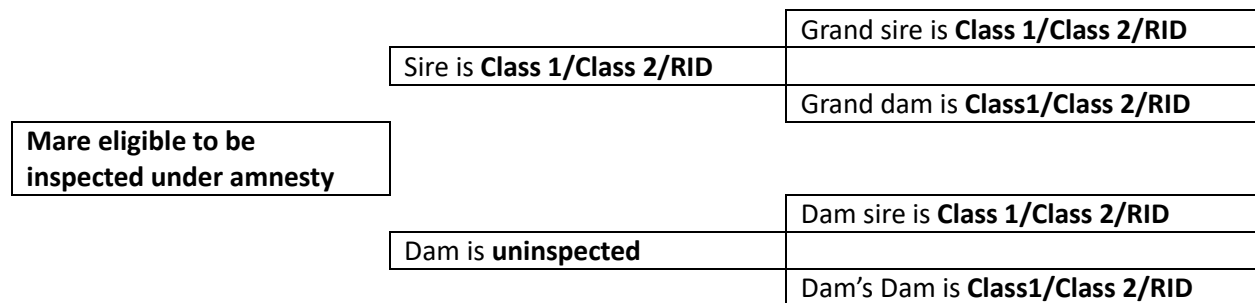
IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE AMNESTY EXTENDED FOR 2023 FOR THE IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE SOCIETY OF CANADA

Background

A mare amnesty was introduced in the harmonized studbooks in 2017. The harmonized studbooks recognized there were a number of mares with progeny eligible for inspection that had not yet been inspected. Recognising the number of uninspected horses at that time of transition due to adopting the linear profiling inspection process; it was decided to offer amnesty in an effort to provide more time to bring the progeny of uninspected mares back into the pool of inspected and approved Irish Draught mares.

Under the amnesty in Canada, progeny of an uninspected Irish Draught mare was eligible for inspection if the Irish Draught sire was Class 1, Class 2 or RID and the Irish Draught dam was otherwise eligible for inspection (meaning the uninspected mare by a Class 1/Class 2/RID stallion and out of a Class 1/Class 2/RID mare).

Put another way, the pedigree of the horse being inspected under the amnesty must have a verified pedigree that looks like this:



In Ireland and Great Britain, inspection under the amnesty was based on the date of the inspection. Both Ireland and the UK ended the amnesty for all Irish Draught mares in 2022.

Current Situation

The Irish Draught Horse Society of Canada Board acknowledges geography and cost mean Canadian Irish Draught breeders have had significantly fewer inspections available for their horses than any of the other Irish Draught harmonized studbooks. The Board also recognizes there are still horses in Canada that could be inspected under the amnesty that have not yet had reasonable opportunity to be inspected. For these reasons, the Board of the IDHSC has decided to extend amnesty for 2023. Further, the IDHSC Board has decided that eligibility for inspection under the amnesty will be for the lifetime of the eligible horse.

As a result, progeny (mares and geldings) of an uninspected Irish Draught Mare, born in 2023 and earlier that meet the criteria for the amnesty in Canada will always be eligible for inspection under IDHSC rules.



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Canada recognizes that it is one of the last harmonized studbook keeping the amnesty in place, and also that its application of the amnesty rule (viewing it as a lifetime privilege of the horse) is broader than in some of the other harmonized studbooks.

Out of respect for the other harmonized studbooks, the IDHSC wishes to be clear the extension is to address the needs of the Canadian Irish Draught herd only. As a result, uninspected horses imported to Canada after the source country's studbook has ended its amnesty will not be eligible for inspection under the amnesty in Canada.