

Registering AI Rams

When requesting AGSS registration for an AI ram, the Semen Importer is responsible for providing the AGSS Secretary with:

- A copy of the USDA or CFIA (Canadian Government) import permit, naming the applicant as the importer.
- A four-generation pedigree issued by the official registry.
- Proof of registration with the appropriate Gotland Breeder's Association in the ram's country of origin.
- Documentation of the ram's Codon 171 DNA lab results (QQ, QR, and RR are acceptable, but must be known.) If this certification is not included in the application, the AI ram will be assigned a QQ designation.
- Photographs of the AI ram, to include a front view, a head shot with ear tag legible, side view including topline, rear shot demonstrating leg conformation; fleece shots will include a: rear view, front, middle, and hind close up with scale (a ruler).
- Upon submission of the above documents, along with registration application, work order and fees, the Secretary will distribute copies of the packet to the Board for review. The AI ram will be registered upon review and confirmation by the Board.
- Registration age restrictions do not apply to AI rams, including those currently registered and new registrations.
- Any NZ genetics appearing on the pedigree MUST be registered in the New Zealand Sheep Breeders Association Registry and must descend ONLY from genetics imported to NZ from registered 100% Gotland sheep of European origin (Sweden, UK, Denmark, etc.). No NZ Appendix flock genetics are allowed on the 4-generation pedigree. Additional pedigrees may be requested if there is a question about NZ parentage.
- By submitting a ram for registration as an AI ram, the Semen Importer certifies that the ram meets all AGSS Registration Requirements.
- Gotland rams whose semen is imported for use in North American Gotland breeding programs will be registered with AGSS at no charge. These rams will have the suffix "AI".
- Any AI ram being presented for registration must be 100% Gotland