
REQUIREMENTS FOR BREEDING STALLIONS

A stallion is registered as a breeding stallion with the Society after the following **2 certificates** have been issued by a **Veterinarian** and **sent to the Society**:

1. Clinical certificate (VET certificate)

On this clinical certificate, the Veterinarian confirms that the stallion is acceptable for breeding in respect of: (Livestock Improvement Act):

- his general health and absence of disease
- absence of visible genetic defects
- the presence of 2 normal undescended testicles

Recommendation: If a stallion has been made available to an outside stud, the SCID status must be made known to the owner of the mare.

2. CEM certificate

CEM test must be done by a Veterinarian and the CEM certificate.

CEM tests must be negative

Validity of CEM certificate:

- *Natural Covers*: CEM certificate valid for 5 years. Every 5 years the stallion must be tested again for CEM and get a CEM free certificate.
- *Semen donor (AI)*: Registered semen donor, must be tested for CEM every year and needs a new CEM certificate every year.

How the test done & certificate is obtained?

The test is conducted by the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine's Equine Research Center at Onderstepoort. Your veterinarian will collect the samples for each stallion and submit to the laboratory. A certificate is issued after negative tests and the stallion is listed as negative on the CEM website cems.co.za. Mare owners are encouraged to check that stallions have been tested before taking their mares for service.

