

# IDHSNA Breeding Committee Comment Solicitation

April 15, 2015

## To North American Irish Draught (ID) Horse Owners, Breeders, and Enthusiasts,

On April 7, 2014 the Board of Directors of the IDHSNA (BOD) directed the IDHSNA Breeding Committee (BC) to undertake an evaluation of potential impacts to IDHSNA members, horses, and core Society functions of Harmonization with the “Studbook of Origin” (administered by Horse Sport Ireland or HSI). The specific direction the BOD gave the BC for the analysis was,

*The Breeding Committee is tasked with evaluating the Harmonization of the IDHSNA Studbook with Horse Sport Ireland to include*

*(1) the relationship to IDHSNA operational authorities so that Harmonization adds value to the Society;*

*(2) the intent of IDHSNA to maintain key and vital registration policies, procedures and records and*

*(3) the ability for the IDHSNA to set and define implementation procedures and outcomes such as vetting and x-ray requirements in order to ensure consistency, cost effectiveness and transparency.*

[Click here to view the complete Harmonization Strategy Document.](#)

**The Breeding Committee is asking those interested in the Harmonization issue to submit comments to the BC to help this Committee design and direct our analysis.** At this time the Breeding Committee is not asking whether you support or oppose any potential Harmonization action, but rather **what potential impacts you believe the Committee should consider when we prepare an analysis and report for the BOD and the membership.**

Our goal in asking for your comments and thoughts is to ensure that important areas of concern are not left out of our analysis. While the Breeding Committee cannot promise that every potential impact area will be (or can be) fully analyzed or quantified given the time and resource constraints given us, we do promise that all concerns will be heard and seriously considered. If a potential impact that has been suggested is not addressed in our report, we will explain why.

The Breeding Committee is committed to a transparent and inclusive analysis of this difficult subject. To that end, we promise to treat all input we receive equally, and with serious consideration and respect. In return we ask that you the supporters of the North American Irish Draught (ID) Horse give us your trust as we undertake this analysis over the coming 2 ½ months.

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If you want to have a voice in this important process, PLEASE contact us with the following input:

- 1. What specific areas of impact to the North American ID herd, the members of the IDHSNA, or the IDHSNA as an ongoing business entity do you think are important to consider in our analysis of the potential impacts of entering into a Harmonization agreement with HSI?**
- 2. Are there any sources of information that you feel we should look at in our work? If so, please provide any information on how we can obtain copies.**

### **How to Comment**

1) Follow the **Survey Monkey link** below or on the home page of the IDHSNA website (Irishdraught.com) and complete and submit the comment form

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SGFR726>

OR

2) Email your comments to [Neher@montana.com](mailto:Neher@montana.com)

OR

3) Send your comments by mail to

**IDHSNA  
4617 Store Lane  
Stevensville, MT 59870**

**We know time is tight, but please provide us any comments and feedback by May 2nd.**

Thank you all for any help and direction you may choose to provide us.

IDHSNA Breeding Committee



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