

GUIDELINES FOR IMPORTING AND REGISTERING FOREIGN HAFLINGERS
WITH THE HAFLINGER SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN
(Other than those animals from the Austrian Tirol)

If a stallion or a colt deemed to have stallion potential is imported, it is vital to consult the Registrar prior to buying/importing, as stallion selection is carefully controlled.

For non-stallions please follow the guidelines below:

Step One:

The equine that you own, or are about to purchase should have a passport, albeit in French, Dutch, Belgian, German etc., this is the law. It is a mis-conception that you need a British passport. Foreign passports are acceptable and legal and should stay with the animal for life. At the very least your equine should have some form of 'registration certificate'. **If you do not have either of these types of documentation, sorry, but we are unable to help you.**

Not every animal will be eligible for registration in the British stud-book. Papers will be carefully checked for authenticity and no animal whose papers are incorrect will be accepted. You must have the microchip number checked to make sure the number recorded in the passport corresponds with that implanted in the horse. This must be confirmed in writing by your veterinary.

The Haflinger Society of Great Britain will help by putting buyers or intended buyers in touch with other stud-books, but cannot be responsible for proving the animal is genuine.

Step Two:

You need to contact the original Breed Society. (Addresses at the end).

You will need to quote your animals full name (not stable name) and registration number and preferably that of the dam and sire also. You will need to ask the following questions:

- 1) Is this animal registered in your pure-bred stud-book?
- 2) Does this animal have any foreign blood within its pedigree, if yes, what is the percentage?
- 3) Does its pedigree originate in all ancestral lines with Austrian stock?
- 4) Have both its parents passed inspection in their own country up to World Haflinger Federation standards?
- 5) Please provide me with a six generation pedigree.
- 6) Any other details:- has this animal been inspected or performance tested?

You will need written proof from the original Breed Society to the above questions, which must be authenticated in some way, e.g., on their letterheads or official stamp etc.

Step Three:

Once you have received the necessary information as detailed in **step two** you should send the original statements, along with a copy of your passport to the Registrar (address below). At this stage you will only need to photocopy the pages of the passport that contain your equine's name and original registration number along with any pedigree information that is also printed in there. If you do not have a full passport you should send copies of any registration certificates and declare that you do not have a passport.

Step Four:

Once all the facts have been considered and it has been decided that your equine is acceptable to be registered with the Haflinger Society of Great Britain, the Registrar will notify you of which section of the stud-book your equine is eligible for, either Section 1 or Section 2. The relevant registration forms will be sent for you to complete. The completed registration form along with the appropriate registration fees should be returned to the Registrar along with the original passport, if you have one, which will also be updated.

Many European animals are sold as pure-bred even though after investigation it may be proven that they have a small percentage of foreign blood in them. This percentage could be as low as 1.56%, or even lower. In many European stud-books this small percentage of foreign blood (e.g., Arab blood) is acceptable and they are still classed as pure-bred animals. However, this is not the case in Great Britain and any animal containing **any** percentage of foreign blood, no matter how small that percentage may be, will be registered in the Section 2 stud-book only.

Stud-book Section 1

In order to be eligible for entry in this section a Haflinger must be pure-bred* and comply with the requirements as stipulated in **step two** above.

Class 1: All stallions and mares that have been inspected in compliance with the Society rules and have achieved the required standard.

Class 2: All mares that have been inspected and have not met the required standards for inclusion in Class 1.

Class 3: All colts or stallions which have been gelded will be entered in this class.

Class 4.: All pure-bred youngstock, all pure-bred imported stock awaiting inspection and all pure-bred stock which does not meet the required criteria for entry into one of Classes 1 - 3.

Class 5: Progeny of any horse who at the date of conception of that progeny was under the minimum age permitted for breeding.

*Pure-bred means the pedigree of a Haflinger will go back to the founding lines with no added inclusions of Arab or foreign blood.

Geldings: Geldings, where eligible, will be placed in Section 1, Class 3 of the stud-book. They will be given a continuous registration number and a permanent gelding registration number which will be recorded in their passport. This will complete this animals registration.

Mares: Mares will initially be placed in Section 1, Class 4 of the stud-book. They will be given a temporary registration number, until such time as they are inspected by the Society Inspectors. The main Inspections are held in March/April of each year. After inspection they will either be entered into Section 1, Class 1 if they achieved the required standards as set down by the Society. Or, Section 1, Class 2 if the required standards were not met.

The Registrar will record the temporary number in the passport and after inspection will then record the permanent mare number. This will then complete this animals registration.

Any mare that is given a temporary number but is not put forward for inspection will stay in Section 1, Class 4.

Stud-book Section 2

In order for a horse to be eligible for entry into this section the existence of a pure-bred Haflinger in the animal's pedigree must be proven in accordance with the criteria required within the individual categories of this section. The progeny of any animal registered in this section can never be eligible for entry in Section 1.

Category 1: Haflingers accepted into other European stud-books as pure-bred, but which cannot establish that they are pure-bred**

Category 2: Any animal with Haflinger blood that has not been entered in the pure-bred section of a European stud-book.

Category 3: Any animal containing 50% Haflinger blood (neither more nor less).

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Once it has been ascertained which category the animal is to be registered in it will be issued with a permanent registration number. The Registrar will update the passport and the registration is complete.

Notes:

If at any time the Registrar is unsure about the authenticity of the information provided about an animal or is unable to verify the status of an animal, she will consult with the Society Inspection panel where a decision will be agreed on.

Registration fee: £20.00 to members; £40.00 to non-members.

Change of Name and Address only: £5.00 to members; £10.00 to non-members.

Cheques payable to 'The Haflinger Society of Great Britain.

For a copy of the Society Stud-book rules please contact the Registrar.

Useful Addresses:

The Registrar: Mrs Sue Seel,
The Haflinger Society of Great Britain,
2 The Hopgrounds, Finchingfield, Essex, CM7 4LU.
Tel: 01371 810216
e-mail: registrar@haflingersgb.com

Dutch registry: e-mail: info@kvth.nl

Belgian registry: website: home.scarlet.be/haflingersite
e-mail: haflingersite@scarlet.be

French registry: website: www.haflinger.fr
e-mail: asso.haflinger@free.fr

German website: www.lfl.bayern.de