



AUSTRALIAN BRANGUS CATTLE ASSOCIATION LIMITED

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1. DEFINITIONS

- (A) The definitions in section 1 of the regulations of the Association shall be deemed to be embodied herein and shall be read as part of these regulations.
- (B) Ultrablack/Ultrared Cattle denotes an animal of Brahman/Angus breeding having not less than 8% and less than 25% Brahman blood content and which conforms to the requirements of the Association for registration into the Ultra registry.
- (C) "Association" denotes the Australian Brangus Cattle Association.
- (D) "ABCA Board" denotes the Board of the Australian Brangus Cattle Association Limited.
- (E) "Regulations" denotes the regulations of the Australian Brangus Cattle Association from time to time in force.
- (F) "Ultra Enrolment Register" denotes the register in which details of animals accepted by the Association as foundation stock for Ultrablack/Ultrared breeding are recorded.
- (G) "Ultra Register" denotes the Herd Book register in which details of animals accepted by the Association as Ultrablack/Ultrared cattle are recorded.
- (H) "Calf Register" denotes the register in which the details of calves, the progeny of Enrolment, Registered or Herd Book registered Ultra cattle are entered.
- (I) "Standard of Excellence" denotes the description and specifications of Ultrablack/Ultrared cattle as prescribed by the Association.
- (J) "Registered Owner" in relation to an animal denotes the person recorded by the Association as the owner of that animal.
- (K) "Breeder" in relation to an animal denotes the person registered or entitled to be registered as the owner of the dam of that animal at the date when the animal was conceived in utero.
- (L) "First Owner of an Animal" signifies the person registered or entitled to be registered as the owner of the dam of the calf at the time when the calf was born.

2. MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Every member, before supplying commercial details, enrolment details, calf recording or registering animals in the Herd Book, shall record with the Association:

- (A) A prefix which shall be used as a prefix to and as part of the name of every animal of which he is the first owner, and which is submitted for registration in the Herd Book.
- (B) A distinguishing brand or tattoo mark.
- (C) The appropriate positions on the calves where the brand and private herd number respectively will be impressed by fire or other approved methods of branding; the prefix; the firebrand and/or tattoo mark respectively shall be distinctive and shall not so resemble that of any other prefix, brand or tattoo mark recorded by any other person with the Association as in the opinion of the ABCA Board tend to be misleading.
- (D) A three (3) digit herd identification code of either alphabetical or numeric characters.
- (E) The ABCA Board may decline to register any prefix or record the name of any stud or stud property, which in the opinion of the committee resembles another member details regardless of location.

3. ENROLMENT REGISTER

- (A) Only Life members and financial Full and Junior members may record animals in the Enrolment Register.
- (B) The following animals shall be eligible for entry into the Enrolment Register:
 - (i) Angus males and females registered with an Angus Australia Limited.
 - (ii) Commercial males and females of Angus or Brangus breeding with a dam recorded in the Commercial Register, or a sire recorded in either the Enrolment or Herd Book Register, following inspection and approval by an ABCA approved inspector. An inspector appointed to enrol an animal shall not have had or intend to have a financial or breeding interest in the animal to be enrolled.
 - (iii) Such cattle shall be number branded or tattooed prior to inspection and shall to a reasonable extent conform to the Standard of Excellence of the Association.
- (C) Animals entered into the Enrolment register from 1st July 2027 must meet these requirements:
 - (i) Commercial Brangus and Ultrablack/Ultra males and females - a high-density DNA profile (minimum 50K SNP) completed through and recorded with the ABCA.
 - (ii) Registered Angus, Red Angus, or Brahman males and females - a suitable DNA profile to test parentage obtained from an alternate Breed Association, or a high-density DNA profile (minimum 50K SNP) completed through and recorded with the ABCA.
- (D) Subject to these regulations, every animal submitted shall be branded or tattooed with the registered brand or tattoo mark of the first owner. Such brands or tattoos shall be applied before the animals are enrolled.
No two animals of the same stud shall be tattooed or branded with the same number.
- (E) The Enrolment of an animal will be accepted subject to the payment of such enrolment fees and where applicable inspection fees as the ABCA Board may from time to time prescribe.

4. ULTRA REGISTER

- (A) No animal shall be recorded in the Ultra Register other than by Life members and financial Full and Junior members of the Association.
- (B) All animals submitted for entry into the Ultra Register shall be on the prescribed form or electronically submitted by the first owner.
- (C) The following animals shall be eligible for entry into the Ultra Register:
 - (i) Progeny of Ultrablack or Ultrared animals registered by the Association.
 - (ii) Progeny of a registered Angus animal enrolled in and by the Association and a Brangus animal registered in and by the Association.
 - (iii) Progeny of a registered Angus animal enrolled in and by the Association and a Brangus animal enrolled in and by the Association.
 - (iv) Commercial males and females of Angus or Brangus breeding with a dam recorded in the Commercial Register, or a sire recorded in either the Enrolment or Herd Book Register, following inspection and approval by an ABCA approved inspector. An inspector appointed to enrol an animal shall not have had or intend to have a financial or breeding interest in the animal to be enrolled.
- (D) Animals registered in the Ultra Register will have a (U) as a suffix after the name.
- (E) Each animal accepted for entry into the Ultra Register shall be allocated a number which shall be known as its animal ident.
- (F) The animal ident of each animal shall comprise a herd identification code, a year code, a grade code and the animal's private herd number/tattoo.
- (G) Calves born after 1 January 2020 can only be recorded if the Brangus sire has a high-density DNA profile (minimum 50K SNP) recorded with ABCA; or if the Angus, Red Angus, or Brahman sire has a suitable DNA profile recorded with ABCA to test parentage obtained from an alternate Breed Association.
Exemption of DNA profile requirement can be sought from ABCA board and applied at the board's discretion.
- (H) Cattle registered in the Ultra Register shall have not less than 8% and less than 25% Brahman blood content.
- (I) The ABCA Board may at its discretion accept registration in the Ultra Register an animal registered with a recognised Association of an overseas country.
- (J) All animals registered in the Ultra Register shall conform to the Standard of Excellence as prescribed by the Association.
- (K) The prescribed fee shall be paid in respect of each animal registered in accordance with these regulations.
- (L) Each animal registered in the Ultra Register shall be allocated a name which shall consist of the registered Stud Prefix of the first owner and an allocated name and or number.
- (M) The name of each animal including prefix and including any numeral forming part of the name shall not exceed thirty (30) characters.

- (N) Registration of an animal under a particular name may be refused if:
 - (i) The name is so like the name of another registered animal as to be likely to mislead.
 - (ii) The name contains a stud prefix registered with the Association or part thereof other than their own.
- (O) It shall be the responsibility of each member to keep a private Herd Register in which they shall record the private herd number and birth date of each animal and such other information concerning ancestry and breeding as is necessary to authenticate the registrations with the Association.
- (P) The Committee may at its discretion request parent verification by DNA testing of any registered animal or animal submitted for registration. If parent verification is not conducted within 90 days, the animal may be deregistered or refused registration.
- (Q) Any application for registration of an animal which is a twin shall state the sex of the animal to which it is a twin. Should a twin be registered without such a statement, no subsequent application for registration of an animal which is a twin to the animal previously registered shall be accepted.
- (R) Subject to these regulations every animal submitted shall be branded or tattooed with the registered brand or tattoo mark of the first owner. Such brands or tattoos shall be applied before the animals are weaned or before such animals registered, whichever shall be the earlier. An exception to this regulation is that a calf sold with its dam and under the age of 3 months at the date of sale may be calf registered, named, and branded or tattooed with the tattoo mark or brand of the purchaser. No two animals of the same stud shall be tattooed or branded with the same number.
- (S) Horned animals are ineligible for entry into the Ultra Register.

5. CALF REGISTER

- (A) No animal shall be recorded in the Calf Register other than by Life members and financial Full and Junior members of the Association.
- (B) All animals submitted for entry into the Calf Register shall be on the prescribed form or electronically submitted by the first owner.
- (C) All applications for entry into the Calf Register shall be submitted within twelve (12) months of the birth of the calf. Late applications may be accepted at the discretion of the ABCA Board and at such fee as may from time to time be prescribed.
- (D) To be eligible for entry into the calf register an animal shall be the progeny of:
 - (i) A sire and a dam registered in the ABCA registers as registered or foundation stock.
 - (ii) A sire registered in the ABCA registers as registered or foundation stock and a dam recorded in the Enrolment Register.
 - (iii) A sire recorded in the Enrolment Register and a dam registered in the registers as registered or foundation Stock.
 - (iv) A sire or dam recorded in the Enrolment Register.
- (E) Calves born after 1 January 2020 can only be recorded if the Brangus sire has a high-density DNA profile (minimum 50K SNP) recorded with ABCA; or if the Angus, or Red Angus sire has a suitable DNA profile recorded with ABCA to test parentage obtained from an alternate Breed Association. Exemption of DNA profile requirement can be sought from ABCA board and applied at the board's discretion.
- (F) If the first owner of a calf submitted was not the owner of the dam at the time such calf was conceived, the dam shall have been transferred to the first owner of the calf before the birth of that calf and such transfer shall state the joining sire.

- (G) If the first owner of the calf submitted was not the owner of the sire at the time that calf was conceived, the application shall be accompanied by a Sire Permit evidencing the parentage of the calf.
- (H) Subject to these regulations every calf submitted shall be branded or tattooed with the registered brand or tattoo mark of the first owner. Such brands or tattoos shall be applied before the calves are weaned or before such calves are calf registered, whichever shall be the earlier. An exception to this regulation is that a calf sold with its dam and under the age of 3 months at the date of sale may be calf registered, named, and branded or tattooed with the tattoo mark or brand of the purchaser. No two calves of the same stud shall be tattooed or branded with the same number.
- (I) Horned animals are ineligible for entry into the Calf Register.

6. TRANSFERS

Upon the sale, exchange, gift, loan or otherwise disposal, temporarily or permanently of an animal registered in the Ultra Register or Calf Register or recorded in the Enrolment Register, shall be lodged by the registered owner with the ABCA office within sixty (60) days of such change in ownership or possession, an application for transfer.

- (A) An application on the prescribed forms for the transfer of the animal to the purchaser signed by the registered owner as transferor.
- (B) Written instructions received by the ABCA office from the registered owner as transferor detailing the new owner, transfer date and animal ident of the animal being transferred.
- (C) In the case of an animal not already registered in the in the Registers, an application for its registration, or calf registration in the case of a calf at foot aged over 3 months, must accompany the official application for transfer.
- (D) Upon temporary transfer of possession or use of an animal for either joint or sole use, the registered owner shall lodge with the ABCA office a transfer (or Authority to Use form) stating appropriate details with respect to the use of the animal within sixty (60) days of the arrangement becoming effective.
- (E) In the event of an application for transfer of an animal being lodged after sixty (60) days from date of sale but within ninety (90) days, additional fees shall apply. Transfers lodged more than ninety (90) days after the transfer date shall be such late fee as determined by the ABCA Board.
- (F) When a registered male is transferred, a Brangus DNA Bundle must be completed prior transfer.
- (G) When a registered female is transferred, with an unbranded, untattooed calf (or calves not more than 3 months old) at foot, a transfer fee on the registered female shall include the cost of transferring the calf.
- (H) When a registered female is transferred with a branded, tattooed registered calf (or calves) over the age of 3 months at foot, transfer fees shall be paid on each individual animal transferred.

7. DISPERSAL SALES

When a sale is advertised as dispersal, the Association will not normally accept any further registrations under the associated prefix after a period of ninety (90) days of the sale. Members who have had a dispersal sale shall be ineligible to register or record in the ABCA registers in the dispersing stud prefix any genetic material for a period of three (3) years from the date of the dispersal sale or the last sale of a multi dispersal sale.

8. ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

In all cases the registration of animals produced by Artificial Insemination shall be treated in the same manner as animals produced by natural service subject to the following conditions:

- (A) An AI calf will not be accepted for registration unless an implant date is provided at time of registration.
- (B) Application for recording as an AI Sire must be made to the ABCA on an ABCA AI Sire Application form.

8.1 AI SIRES

Calves by AI Sires can be registered by any breeder upon application to the ABCA.

Requirements for recording as an AI Sire:

- (i) The sire has the result of a high-density DNA Profile (minimum 50K SNP) recorded with the ABCA.
- (ii) Application fees as per the ABCA fee schedule.
- (iii) A registration certificate from a recognised Brangus/Angus/Brahman Association if the animal is not registered in the ABCA Herd Book.
- (iv) Calves produced by Artificial Insemination will be recorded with the letters (AI) following the animal's name on the registration certificate.

8.2 RESTRICTED AI SIRES

Only those sires that have been notified to the ABCA prior to 1st January 2019 will be accepted as Restricted AI Sires. Calves will only be registered in the owner's herds.

- (i) Calves sired by a Restricted AI sire and born after 1 July 2020 can only be registered if the Restricted AI sire has the results of a Neogen Brangus Genomic test recorded with ABCA.
- (ii) Calves produced by Artificial Insemination will be recorded with the letters (AI) following the animal's name on the registration certificate.

9. EMBRYO TRANSPLANT or IVF

In all cases registration of animals produced by Embryo Transplant or IVF shall be treated in the same manner as animals produced naturally subject to the following conditions:

- (A) Calves resulting from an Embryo Transplant or IVF program conducted after 1 July 2019 will only be registered if a high-density DNA Profile (minimum 50K SNP) for the donor dam and sire are recorded with the ABCA.
- (B) An Embryo Transfer or IVF calf will not be accepted for registration unless details regarding the breed, identity and age of the recipient dam is provided at time of registration. The recipient dam will be recorded as an unregistered recipient dam, unless already registered in any of the ABCA registers.
- (C) An Embryo Transfer or IVF calf will not be accepted for registration unless an implant date is provided at time of registration.
- (D) The application for registration of animals resulting from Embryo Transfer shall state in the appropriate place on the registration form that the animal was produced by Embryo Transfer and such information shall appear in the ABCA Registers denoted by the letters (ET).
- (E) The application for registration of animals resulting from IVF shall state in the appropriate place on the registration form that the animal was produced by IVF and such information shall appear in the ABCA Registers denoted by the letters (IVF).
- (F) There shall be no restriction on the number of animals produced by Embryo Transfer or IVF from any one donor female.

10. CELL CLONED TRANSPLANTS

- (A) Only replication cell cloned animals shall be eligible for Calf Recording and Registration.
- (B) Members who are registered or entitled to be registered as the breeder defined in Regulation 1 shall be eligible to apply for Calf Recording of a cell cloned animal.
- (C) An application for Calf Recording or fully registering of a cell cloned animal where the cell donor is not in the same ownership as the calf being recorded shall be accompanied by a Cell Donor Authorisation Certificate signed by the owner of the cell donor at the date of nucleus transfer.
- (D) A calf produced by cell cloning shall carry the stud prefix and Herd ID of the first owner as defined by regulation 2.
- (E) The application for Calf Recording or fully registering of a cell cloned animal shall indicate that it has been produced by this technology.
- (F) The letters (CL) shall appear after the name of a cell cloned animal.
- (G) The name of the cell clone donor shall appear on the certificate of Registration of the cell cloned animal.
- (H) Both the cell donor and the cell cloned animal shall be recorded with high-density DNA Profile (minimum 50K SNP) and only eligible for Calf Recording or fully registered if the parentage is verified.
- (I) There shall be no restriction on the registration of cell cloned animals after the death of the cell donor.
- (J) Recording of cell cloned animals shall be made on the calf return form or approved option provided by the Association.
- (K) The fee for calf recording and registration of cell cloned animals shall be prescribed by the ABCA Board.
- (L) The rights of cloning animals in joint ownership shall be determined between the parties and shall in no way involve the Association.

11. SHOWING

- (A) Ultra cattle may be exhibited at any local, feature or royal show. Enrolled cattle may not be exhibited in registered classes. All cattle exhibited in registered Ultrablack/Ultrared classes must have not less than 8% and less than 25% Brahman blood content.
- (B) All animals exhibited at Beef Australia, Royal Shows & Ultrablack/Ultrared Feature or Futurity Shows must have the results of a high-density DNA profile (minimum 50K SNP) and Parent Verification completed through and recorded with the ABCA.
- (C) Breed uniform must be worn at Beef Australia and any Feature Shows.

11.1 EXHIBITING AT SHOWS

The following clauses apply to Royal Shows, Feature Shows, Futurities, Beef Expos and Agricultural Shows, which are hereinafter, collectively referred to as 'shows'.

- (i) The Board may select any number of Ultrablack/Ultrared Feature Shows each year.
- (ii) When exhibiting cattle at shows, Ultrablack/Ultrared members must comply with the rules of the organising body of the relevant show (i.e. Beef Australia, Royal Queensland Show, an Agricultural Show hosting a Feature Show).
- (iii) If a rule in these Rules and Regulations is inconsistent with a similar rule of the organising body, the rule of the organising body will apply.
- (iv) If the organising body does not have a rule in place (similar to, or relating to, the content of a rule in these Rules and Regulations), these Rules and Regulations will apply.
- (v) People who are deemed suitable by the Brangus Australia Society may be selected to judge Ultrablack/Ultrared stud cattle at any show.
- (vi) Only registered Ultrablack/Ultrared can be exhibited at Royal Shows, Feature Shows, Futurities and Beef Expos. Enrolled grade cattle are not eligible to be shown.
- (vii) Registered Ultrablack/Ultrared cattle that are exhibited at shows must have a readily identifiable permanent brand or tattoo, which must include the animal's identification number. This rule does not apply to a calf under the age of three months that is exhibited as a cow and calf unit.
- (viii) Registered Ultrablack/Ultrared cattle that are exhibited at shows must conform to the Standard of Excellence as set out in the Constitution of the ABCA and these Rules and Regulations.
- (ix) Ultrablack/Ultrared cattle that are exhibited at shows must be thoroughly tractable and able to be led safely.
- (x) For the purpose of determining the class in which an animal will be exhibited, the age of the animal will be calculated from the first day of the month in which the show is convened.

11.2 DENTITION

- (i) The Ultrablack/Ultrared mouthing standard will govern the maximum permissible dental development of Ultrablack/Ultrared cattle that are being exhibited at shows. The maximum dental development is based on the actual age of the animal on show day, and not the age as determined by the relevant organising body for the purpose of setting classes and class entries.
- (ii) When mouthing is a prerequisite at the show, a mouthing official will be appointed by the Society to evaluate the dental development of Ultrablack/Ultrared cattle that are being exhibited at the show.
- (iii) A Ultrablack/Ultrared will not be eligible for exhibition or judging at a show if:
 - a. In the case of an animal under 19 months (*580 days) of age on the day of mouthing at the show, it has a permanent tooth or teeth, or there is evidence the animal has had a permanent tooth or teeth.
 - b. In the case of an animal under 25 months (*763 days) of age on the day of mouthing at the show, it has more than two (2) permanent teeth, or there is evidence the animal has had more than two (2) permanent teeth.
 - c. In the case of an animal under 30 months (*915 days) of age on the day of mouthing at the show, it has more than four (4) permanent teeth, or there is evidence the animal has had more than four (4) permanent teeth.
 - d. In the case of an animal under 36 months (*1,098 days) of age on the day of mouthing at the show, it has more than six (6) permanent teeth, or there is evidence the animal has had more than six (6) permanent teeth.

Days of age calculated at 30.5 days per month.

For the purposes of evaluating dentition, the animal is deemed have a tooth or teeth if the tooth or teeth have erupted through the gum.

- (iv) When mouthing is a prerequisite at the show, all animals of age must be mouthed at the event, and the results recorded at that time. If an animal is not mouthed in accordance with these Rules and Regulations, and there are adequate facilities available in which the animal can be mouthed (i.e. a crush or head bale), the animal cannot be presented for judging.
- (v) An animal, which is found to be ineligible based on its dentition, will be debarred from judging at the relevant show, and any subsequent shows thereafter.

11.3 NOSE RINGS / NOSE GRIPS

- (i) When exhibiting at a show, all animals (with the exception of a calf being exhibited as a cow and calf unit), must have a permanent nose ring, or nose grip, as set out below:
 - a. bulls that are twelve (12) months of age or over must have a permanent nose ring.
 - b. bulls that are nine (9) months of age and under twelve (12) months must have nose ring or nose grip.
 - c. females that are nine (9) months of age or over must have nose ring or nose grip.

11.4 GROUP CLASSES

- (i) The following rules will apply to the following classes at shows:
 - a. Breeders' Group – Must be three animals of mixed sexes. All animals must be bred and owned by the exhibitor, must be from the same Stud Prefix, and must be entered in the general classes.
 - b. Sire's Progeny Group – Must be three animals of mixed sexes. All animals must be bred and owned by the exhibitor, must be from the same Stud Prefix, and must be entered in the general classes.
 - c. Dam's Progeny – Must be two animals of either sex. Both animals must be bred and owned by the exhibitor, must be from the same Stud Prefix, and must be entered in the general classes.
 - d. Pair of Bulls or Pair of Females – All animals must be bred and owned by the exhibitor, must be from the same Stud Prefix, and must be entered in the general classes.

11.5 COW AND CALF UNITS

- (i) A calf shown as a cow and calf unit must be under 9 months of age.
- (ii) Calves that are part of a cow and calf unit cannot be exhibited as an individual entry.

11.6 MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR

- (i) The 'Most Successful Exhibitor' is awarded to the stud prefix that has achieved the highest number of points at the event.

11.7 OBJECTION PROCESS

- (i) In circumstances where there is an objection in relation to compliance with the Standard of Excellence as set out in the Constitution, or compliance with these Rules and Regulations, the person raising the objection must complete a Society objection form and thereafter, deliver the form to the CEO of the Society, or if the CEO is absent or unavailable, to a Director of the Society.
- (ii) The Directors in attendance at the event, and the relevant Ultrablack/Ultrared Show organising committee, will make a ruling in relation to any objection that has been received.
- (iii) Objections of this kind must not be directed to the Judge that is officiating over the Ultrablack/Ultrared judging at the event, or representatives of the organising body of the relevant show or event.
- (iv) Society objection forms will be available at each Show.

12. BREACHES

- (A) A breach of these Rules and Regulations will be addressed under the Association's constitution.

13. GLOSSARY

- (A) Any terms defined in the Constitution will be deemed to have the same meaning in the Rules and Regulations.

14. REMOVALS OF ANIMALS FROM THE BREED REGISTER

- (A) Where genotype data indicates unresolved discrepancies in the recorded parentage, sex or recessive gene status of an animal born prior to 1/1/2018 the recorded information and the animal's registration status will remain unchanged.

- (B) Where genotype data indicates unresolved discrepancies in the recorded parentage, sex or recessive gene status of an animal born after 1/1/2018 the suspected erroneous information will be removed from the Society database and the animals' registration status will be revoked until the discrepancies are resolved.

15. DEFAULTS, OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

- (A) Should any member or officer of the Association obtain or receive information that any registration or transfer of any animal has been made contrary to the provisions of any rules or regulations for the time being in force in relation thereto, such information shall be forthwith furnished to the ABCA Board who shall investigate such complaint and if upon such investigation the ABCA Board has reasonable grounds to believe that such complaint is well founded it shall notify the owner of such animal who shall within thirty (30) days after such notice answer in writing such complaint as they shall have received. Should the ABCA Board not be satisfied with the written answer of the member, it may order the member to appear before it with a view to further investigating the complaint and upon the failure of such member to appear or upon appearing, failing to satisfy the ABCA Board with regard to such complaint the registration complained of shall be struck from the records of the Association.
- (B) In the event of any member of the Association offering to the said Association for registration any animal by the said member not to be entitled to registration or should any member represent to the Association any material, facts as to the sex, birth, date of birth, description, breeder, owner, sire, dam or identification of any animal for one that is registered, or substitute one registered animal for another registered animal in any application to the Association for registration, transfer or for any other purpose or in any other manner endeavour to deceive or mislead the ABCA Board or any officer or member of the Association or connive at or assist any other member of person to do any of the above things, the ABCA Board may subject to the rules of the Association terminate the membership of such member.

16. GENERAL

- (A) In these regulations where the context reasonably permits, the singular number includes the plural number and vice versa.
- (B) Until otherwise determined by the ABCA Board, the Standard of Excellence shall be as prescribed. The ABCA Board reserves the right to request DNA verification in relation to the horn status of any Ultrablack/Ultrared animal Registered with the ABCA Limited or presented at any Show or Association Sale.
- (C) Nothing in these regulations, whether expressed or implied, shall be taken as meaning that such regulations are in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Australia or its States or Territories and all regulations made pursuant thereto and it shall be the responsibility of members of the Association to satisfy themselves that they comply or have complied at all times with the provisions of such laws and regulations.