

GREYHOUND INDUSTRY (TRACEABILITY) REGULATIONS 2023

Rásaíocht Con Éireann, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 28 of the Greyhound Racing Act 2019 (No 15 of 2019), after consultation with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine hereby makes the following regulations, that is to say:-

Citation and Commencement

- 1 These Regulations may be cited as the Greyhound Industry (Traceability) Regulations 2023.
- 2 These Regulations come into effect on the _____ day of _____ 2023.

Definitions

3. In these regulations the following words and expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say:-

“Act” means the Greyhound Racing Act 2019 (No. 15 of 2019);

"Club" means the Irish Coursing Club

"prescribed information" means information in respect of certain key life events of racing greyhounds as set out in Regulation 3(2) of these regulations;

“Race event” means a competition on a race track;

“Racing greyhound” means a greyhound that has undertaken an official trial or participated in a race event at a race track;

“Race Track” carries the same meaning as that set out in the Greyhound Industry (Racing) Regulations 2023;

“Racing Management System” means the web based electronic system maintained by the Board to manage trials and racing events;

“Rásaíocht Con Éireann Traceability System” ("RCÉTS") means the electronic database established and managed by the Board, to capture key life events of racing greyhounds, through the provision of updates to the database itself, or through updates received by RCÉTS from greyhound owners and trainers through the digitally provided bespoke platforms of website and mobile phone applications (Apps) purposefully

designed to capture relevant information relating to life events for greyhounds in the care of such greyhound owners and trainers;

“Retired greyhound” means a racing greyhound that has ceased participation in official trials or racing events on a race track and is retained by the owner;

“Rehomed greyhound” means a racing greyhound that has ceased participation in official trials or racing events on race track and is transferred to a new home through the owner or via rehoming agencies;

“Trial” carries the same meaning as that set out in the Greyhound Industry (Racing) Regulations 2023.

Traceability System

4 (1) The Board has established RCÉTS in accordance with the provisions of section 28(2) of the Act of 2019.

(2) The Board shall provide information technology platforms including web and app-based applications to facilitate direct data input to RCÉTS by owners and trainers of greyhounds of prescribed information in respect of greyhounds in their care, at time intervals specified by the Board.

(3) RCÉTS shall include details of the ownership of greyhounds and record all prescribed information.

(4) Data incorporated in RCÉTS shall comprise of information relating to:

(a) All greyhound whelps microchipped from 1 January 2021.

(b) All greyhounds forming part of the Rásaíocht Con Éireann Racing Management System at 1 January 2021.

(c) All greyhounds that trial or participate in a race event from January 1st 2021, and shall include:

(i) Registered number of owner with the Club.

(ii) Name of greyhound as inserted in the Irish Greyhound Stud Book.

(iii) Earmarks or other markings associated with the greyhound.

(iv) The microchip number assigned to the greyhound under the Microchipping of Dogs Regulations 2015

(v) The keeper, location and eircode at which the greyhound is kept.

Registration

5(1) Whilst either an owner and/or trainer of a racing greyhound may register in RCÉTS for the purpose of providing prescribed information in respect of greyhounds registered in their care, the registered owner of a greyhound shall bear sole responsibility for the accurate, comprehensive and truthful recording of the prescribed information relating to racing greyhounds assigned to them under RCÉTS.

(2) In the case of a partnership where two owners are assigned as owners by the Club, each partner shall have joint and several responsibility for registering and maintaining the prescribed information on RCÉTS.

(3) Where a greyhound is owned by a syndicate, the nominated person who is declared the head of the syndicate, as determined by the Club, shall be regarded as the registered owner for the purposes of registering and maintaining the prescribed information on RCÉTS.

(4) For the purposes of compliance with this article, information provided to the Club as keepers of the Irish Greyhound Stud Book and transferred to the Board in accordance with the provisions of Section 58 of the Act shall be taken as complying or part complying with the registration requirements under this article.

Life Events

6(1) The owner of a racing greyhound shall ensure that prescribed information, associated with any greyhound registered in his/her name, is notified in RCÉTS in a timely manner but not later than 14 days after the specific life event has occurred.

(2) The life events required to be recorded in RCÉTS by owners or trainers are birth, sale, acquisition, death, loss, theft, change of location, exports, rehoming and retirement.

(3) The owner of a greyhound shall ensure that all prescribed information, including details of persons to whom greyhounds in their care may be passed on, is completed at all times in a full, truthful, and accurate manner.

(4) An authorised officer may require the registered owner or their authorised representative to provide whatever information he/she considers necessary to verify any information provided by the owner or their authorised representative in updating data on RCÉTS in respect of a greyhound registered to the said owner.

Failure to maintain data in RCÉTS

7(1) Where the Board has established that:

- (a) information in RCÉTS in respect of greyhounds assigned to an owner is not maintained in accordance with the requirements of these regulations, and/or
- (b) information in RCÉTS constitutes inaccurate information input by the owner, or his authorised representative, the Board may do all or any of the following:
 - (i) cease entering greyhounds, assigned to the owner or trainer in RCÉTS, for a trial or race event at a race track;
 - (ii) withdraw any greyhounds assigned to the owner or trainer currently scheduled and listed for racing;
 - (iii) withhold any prizemoney due to the owner or trainer of any greyhound registered in the name of the owner in RCÉTS;
 - (iv) refer the matter to the Control Committee pursuant to the provisions of Section 42(6) of the Act.

Authorised Officer of the Board

8. An authorised officer may inspect greyhounds and records maintained by an owner at his/her premises for the purposes of verifying information provided by the owner in RCÉTS.

Status of Regulations

9. These regulations constitute racing sanction provisions, a breach of which:

- (i) constitutes a sanction breach of the Racing code within the meaning of section 2 of the Act; and
- (ii) (ii) may be subject to a racing sanction that may be imposed by the Control Committee and/or the Appeal Committee.

GIVEN under the Seal of Rásaíocht Con Éireann/Greyhound Racing Ireland, this XX day of XXXX, 2023.

Chairman of the Board.

Chief Executive of the Board, an officer authorised by the Board to authenticate the Seal of the Board.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Regulations set out the manner in which traceability of greyhounds, by way of the provision of information updates on key life events provided to a Database, is managed and operated by Rásaíocht Con Éireann. The regulations provide for what updates are applicable to owners of greyhounds and the manner in which the updates are to be provided to the Rásaíocht Con Éireann Traceability System (RCÉTS).