

ITALPACA

REGULATIONS of the REGISTRY of ITALPACA (Italian Association of Alpaca Breeders)

(as approved by the General Assembly of March 6, 2004, with some later modifications)

1. Definition

R.A. = ITALPACA Registry (Registro Anagrafico ITALPACA), Sections I, II, III, IV, and V

2. Scopes

The setting up of an R.A. for alpacas by ITALPACA responds to the need to identify alpacas existing in and born in Italy, and to dispose before all, through the management of “Improver Animals”, i.e. those in Sections II and III, of an instrument that should lead to an improvement of the genetic quality of the Italian alpaca population. In a second step this should also lead to the setting up of a genetic book and recognition of Italpaca by the relevant national institutions.

3. Ownership

The R.A. is owned by Italpaca.

4. Registration and Procedures

The registration of animals must be in line with the technical requirements as laid out in the following documents:

- CARATTERI TIPICI ED INDIRIZZI DI MIGLIORAMENTO DELLA POPOLAZIONE ITALIANA DI ALPACA ISCRITTI AL REGISTRO ANAGRAFICO (R.A.) DELL'ASSOCIAZIONE ITALPACA. (Typical Traits and Trends for the Improvement of Alpacas entered in the R.A.).
- VALUTAZIONE MORFOLOGICO LINEARE. (Linear Morphological Evaluation).

Regarding procedures please refer to the document:

- NORME TECNICHE – A) REQUISITI RICHIESTI PER L'ISCRIZIONE DEGLI ALPACA AL R.A. (Technical Regulations – A) Requirements for the Inscription of Alpacas into the R.A.).

Application for the inscription is done exclusively using the form supplied by Italpaca.

5. Morphologic/genetic Defects

For the present, based on research on the alpaca population, defects resulting in the exclusion of an animal from inscription in sections IV and V are: visible upper or lower brachignatism, mono or bilateral cryptorchidism, and blue eyes in uniformly white animals.

6. Management

Management of the R.A. has been deferred to the Department of Veterinary Sciences of the Veterinary Faculty of the University of Camerino in Matelica. Management means the collection and safekeeping of the data for individual animals, the issuing of certificates, and the organisation of times and procedures of the evaluation of animals. This will be stipulated in a contract with the Department.

For the coordination of and decisions regarding the activities of the R.A. Central Technical Commission (C.T.C.) has been set up, comprising the president of Italpaca, two experts, and two breeders, for the duration of three years.

7. Certificates

Certificates in Italian will be prepared by the Department.

The certificates will contain the following information:

- Number of the certificate, date and Section.ero del certificato, data e Sezione
- Official name of the animal (Name of the animal plus farm identifier) ¹⁾
- Identification Number – Italpaca or other ISO chip, position of chip ²⁾
- Possible other identifications
- Colours – per colour description scheme provided by the Department
- Sex
- Type: suri; non suri (Huacaya)
- Date and place of birth
- Official name of father and identification number
- Official name of mother and identification number
- Nome of breeder/owner ³⁾
- Address, phone, etc.
- DNA data (for Sections II and III)
- Change of ownership ⁴⁾
- Two fotos of either side, with head raised, format 10 x 15 cm ⁵⁾

- 1) Every Italpaca farm/breeder must chose a unique identifier word (approved by Italpaca) to identify animals born/bred on a specific farm. This helps to avoid duplications.
- 2) For sections II, III, IV and V the microchip data will be recorded, for sections II and III also the DNA data.
- 3) Owner at time of registration of the animal.
- 4) It is the vendors responsibility to return the certificate to the Department and to supply the relevant info. on the new owner.
- 5) For section I no fotos required. They will have to be supplied at time of inscription in one of sections II, III, IV or V.

8. Costs

8.1. Costs of certificates

Issue costs of certificates (to be paid by the owner) are as follows:

- Section I : Giovane Bestiame: € 10(registration only, without certificate).

- Sections II e III : Male Improvers and Female Improvers: € 50.
- Sections IV and V: Male and Female founder animals, and animals of foreign origin: € 20.
- Change of ownership: € 5.

These revenues will be divided between Department and Italpaca as agreed by contract.

8.2. Costs of Screeners/Judges

The Department will organise the visits by screeners/judges, which have been trained during a course on July 10/11, 2004, based on requests, geographical locations and times. In order to keep costs for each visit at a minimum. Screeners/judges will be paid a fee of € 50 per farm visited. A list of trained screeners/judges is appended.

In case of disputes between screeners/judges and breeders an arbitration commission consisting of three external experts will be set up, with the task of advising on the dispute.

8.3. Costs of fibre analysis

The Department, through third parties, will arrange for the analyses necessary to determine the quality of the fibre. Cost per animal is € 25, to be paid to the Department.

8.4. Identification of animals

Animals are identified by microchip. The chip to be placed ahead of the left shoulder blade or behind the left ear. Italpaca will send the required number of chips to the breeders. The chips are single use, made by Datamars, in widespread use throughout Europe. The chips will be set by the breeders. In case of a pre-existing chip, of type ISO, its number can be used for the registration.

Italpaca will acquire a reader, type ISO, which will be made available to the screeners/judges. It is advisable for breeders to also acquire a reader.

Cost per microchip is € 8 (incl. VAT) + p. & p.

8.5. Cost of DNA analysis

Alpacas being entered in Sections II and III, i.e. Male and Female Improvers, will also be recognisable through DNA analysis, which will also be carried out on their parents. The analyses will be done at the Laboratorio dei Gruppi Sanguigni in Cremona (L.G.S.). The cost will be € 35 per animal, as per attached contract. Gli alpaca che verranno iscritti alle Sezioni II e III (Maschi Riproduttori e Femmine Riproduttrici), insieme ai genitori, saranno riconosciuti anche tramite l'analisi del DNA. Per questa analisi il Dipartimento ha preso contatto con il Laboratorio dei Gruppi Sanguigni di Cremona (L.G.S.). La Commissione Tecnica Centrale provvederà a definire gli elementi di scelta dei markers di DNA e le modalità, tempi e costi per le analisi.

9. Legal Responsibility

Italpaca does not assume legal responsibility for any possible damages incurred by individual breeders through the introduction and management of the R.A.

10. Later Additions and Changes

The Central Technical Commission (C.T.C.) can propose additions and changes to the present regulations, whenever it becomes apparent that such changes are necessary for the better management of the R.A.

The C.T.C, in collaboration with, and supporting the Department, will control the application procedures for registering animals and the consignment of chips, as well as the information formalities in cases of change of ownership and deaths of registered animals, and all other aspects necessary for the correct management of the R.A.

At the end of every year the C.T.C. will set the positive TPI (Total Performance Index) based on the results of the screenings/judgings and analyses.

The above translation by R. Steiger is insofar unofficial as it has not been approved by Italpaca as being technically and legally correct.