



Version 21.3

World Wagyu Technical committee

Terms of Reference

Members (Could be expanded)

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1. Constitution

The Technical committee has been established by resolution of the World Wagyu Council meeting dated 18 February 2021.

2. Membership

The Technical committee will consist of members of all breed associations that wish to be part of the committee. Members will be also invited by the chairman responsible for Technical Committee.

2.1 Chairman

The Chairman is to be appointed by the World Wagyu Council.

2.2 Secretary

The Secretary is to be the CEO and/or representative of the current secretariat country.

2.3 Other attendees

Other specialists may be invited to attend meetings of the Technical committee, as required.

2.4 Quorum

A quorum will be 50% of technical committee membership.

2.5 Meetings

Technical committee meetings will be held not less than three times a year in the first year and feedback will be provided at World Wagyu Council meetings. In addition, the Chairman is required to call a meeting of the Technical committee if requested to do so by the World Wagyu Council or any member of the Technical committee.

2.6 Authority

The Technical committee is authorised by the World Wagyu Council to investigate any activity within its charter. The Technical committee will have access to the management of the World Wagyu Council and has rights to seek explanations and additional information, if required from the World Wagyu Council. It is authorised to seek any information it requires from the



secretariat of the World Wagyu Council who is directed to cooperate with any request made by the Technical committee.

The Technical committee is required to make recommendations to the World Wagyu Council on all matters within the Technical committee's charter.

2.7 Reporting procedures

The Secretary of the technical committee shall circulate the minutes of the Technical committee meetings to the Chairman for comment and change. The minutes of the Technical Committee meeting are to be included and/or presented at the next World Wagyu Council meeting following the Technical Committee meeting along with any recommendations of the Technical Committee.

2.8 Duties of the Technical committee

The Technical committee is responsible for:

2.8.1 Animal registration By-laws

- a. To review the By-laws relating to animal registers, and the recording of pedigree and phenotypic performance data where there is common interest amongst associations.

2.8.2 Animal performance analysis

- b. To review the different associations genetic evaluation programs or other technologies for the prediction of genetic performance and come up with recommendations to ensure commonality of traits recorded. It will however not be prescriptive and/or required.
- c. To encourage members to measure the performance of their animals and record the performance in their respective databases.

2.8.3 Genetic conditions

- d. To review the genetic conditions associated with the Wagyu breeds and identify those with sufficient effect to negatively impact the breed to warrant management and recommend their inclusion to member associations.

2.8.4 Genetic information

- e. To establish protocols for sharing genetic information for animals as required for ease of commerce between member associations and to ensure a saving of costs.



2.8.5 Research & development

- f. To establish and oversight R&D programs should the need arise to advance the Wagyu breeds for the benefit of member associations.

2.8.6 International evaluations

- g. To facilitate and encourage the member associations to conduct international genetic evaluations.

2.8.7 Dissemination of information

- h. To share genetic and technical information across the membership with the purpose of developing knowledge and skills in Wagyu breeding and husbandry.