Effective 1 March 2013 frozen semen from local or imported dogs must be registered at the time of or prior to application for registration of a litter from that semen.

The owners of semen will be issued with Certificates of Registration of Semen, much the same as current Registration Certificates.

The registration of semen makes it easier to facilitate paperwork in relation to registering puppies and selling of semen.

The procedures for registration of puppies from frozen semen will be simplified and will require the owner of the semen to sign the Litter Notification as would be the case in a normal mating.

Owners of registered semen will now have the opportunity to officially trade in semen. Transfer of semen will occur in the same way as a sale of a puppy, by completing the Application to Transfer Frozen Semen form. (All forms are available for downloading at https://www.dogsnz.org.nz/dogsnz/official-forms).

The following documentation will be necessary to be supplied at the time of registration of local or imported frozen semen:

- 1. Imported Dog Registration form (if dog imported);
- 2. Original or certified copy of three generation pedigree (if imported and has not been previously registered);
- 3. Consent of owner;
- 4. Semen collection certificate;
- 5. Photocopy of MAF final clearance certificate (if imported).

Dogs New Zealand (Dogs NZ) is authorised to make such arrangements as they require to satisfy themselves as to the ownership and authenticity of local or imported frozen semen collected prior to the date of commencement of this regulation.

The relevant forms will be available on the Dogs NZ website or from the Dogs NZ office.

These new regulations do not apply to the artificial insemination of local fresh or chilled semen. The current procedures will continue to apply as far as these are concerned.