



JUNIOR & OVERALL CHAMPION, CUMBRIAN PRICE POLL FROM FARMSTOCK GENETICS  
8,000gns J MARTIN, SWINLEES



### LOCAL FARMERS, BUYERS & McCARTNEYS RAISE £5006 SO FAR FOR THE UKRAINE RED CROSS APPEAL

Thanks to an idea from Chris Thomas and family of Bryndraenog to donate an in-calf Heifer to the sale held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at Knighton Market's. Vendors and purchasers managed to raise over £5000 to donate to help the people of Ukraine at this terrible time. The pure Salers in-calf heifer sold for £2000 and was kindly purchased by Messrs TL Harris of The Hendre. Lambs were also donated by AJ & JA Powell, PR Price & Son, WT Mason, AR & RL Lewis & Son & F Ruell & Son together with many generous cash donations from local farmers, purchasers & McCartneys Partners. The Blue Texel Ewe Hogget from AJ & JA Powell sold for £400 and was kindly purchased by M & C Pugh of Sheepcote.



A Council meeting was held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 10am via zoom.

### DNA

Since the 23 Nov 2021 until 28 Feb 2022 the Society has issued 255 DNA kits and processed 210 DNA / Myostatin results.

### CHECS JOHNES TESTING PROTOCOL RULE CHANGES

Ben Harman from the Charolais Society has been invited to sit on the CHECS management board as a representative of the Pedigree Breed Society Group. The results of the independent review are were shared to the CHECS Management Board on 8 March 2022. A formal presentation is expected with the Pedigree Breed Society Group shortly and members will be informed of the results as soon after that as possible.

### GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW – 2022

The Great Yorkshire Show have decided to adopt the catalogue system they used in 2021 whereby no animal details are printed in the catalogue, instead there will just be the catalogue number and the exhibitor's name. This makes it very difficult for the breed secretary, spectators, the commentator and the press. Therefore, please could you copy your GYS entries to Sian, she will check the eligibility, make a one-page catalogue with animal details and sort the classes into age order. Copies of this will be available on the day and will hopefully making the stewarding process a lot easier.

### FINANCES

The accountants are currently finalizing the accounts and have asked that all member accounts are settled promptly.

### STATISTICS AND MARKETING

In order to provide further marketing opportunities, we would like to gather some finishing statistics for Salers and Salers X. Please could you send any data you have from the last 12 months to Sian. All data will be averaged and will remain anonymous and confidential.

## 2022 Bull Calves

The year letter for bull calves registered in 2022 is "S"

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### NORTHERN IRELAND CATTLE SALES IN GB

The NBA called an urgent meeting of all pedigree breed societies on Tuesday 7th December 2021. At the meeting Neil Shand CEO, NBA explained that since 1st January 2021 cattle from Northern Ireland had been eligible for sale in GB however if the animal was not sold it must remain in GB for six months before being allowed to return to NI.

The NBA and other bodies had been in discussion with DEFRA and DEARA to find a solution to allow NI cattle to return home from shows/sales in GB. A derogation had been granted by DAERA/DEFRA, to allow sales to happen under the criteria of 'Export Assembly Centres'. H & H and United Auctions had been involved in the discussions at the later stages. Option 1 involved all cattle being completely segregated at the market and the NI cattle would be sold and shown separately. Option 2 involved all cattle presented for sale being export ready which included a TB test within 30 days of sale. This ruling would be applied to all GB cattle including Scotland. Council rejected Option 1 but felt that it was important to do everything they could to help members in NI. They agreed that they would be prepared to support and attend some designated export assembly centre sales and undergo the necessary testing. A meeting with the breed societies and the NBA took place on 24 January 2022 and the Breed Societies present, unanimously supported the introduction of 'DESIGNATED EXPORT ASSEMBLY CENTRE SALES'.

The matter has now been handed to the relevant bodies and the markets who will be required to comply with the rules, regulations and licensing requirements, in order to host such sales.

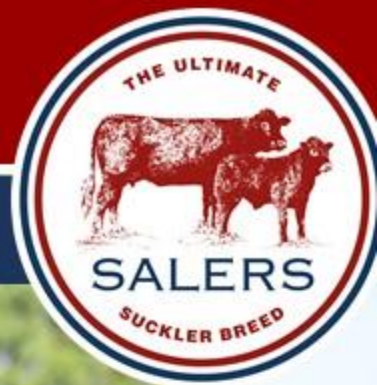
### SALES – ENTRY DEADLINES

- Stirling Bull Sales – 18 March 2022
- Welshpool Show & Sale – 1 April 2022

### VISITS

We intend to host a number of farm and educational visits in 2022. We have approached AHDB and the British Charolais Society to organise joint ventures and intend visiting Neogen Ltd who conduct our DNA testing. There is also a tour planned and dates and details will be published soon.

# PEDIGREE SALERS



2022 EARLY SPRING SALES



## EASY CALVING BULLS

MELTON MOWBRAY

26 MARCH 2022

STIRLING BULL SALES

1 & 2 MAY 2022

WELSHPOOL SPRING SHOW & SALE

19 MAY 2022



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## STIRLING BULL SALES – FEBRUARY 2022

### DEMAND FOR SALERS CONTINUES TO GROW

Demand for Salers continues to grow, and this was evident at the February 2022 Stirling Bull Sales with one third of Salers bulls making 6,000gns or more to a top price of 8,000gns. 21 bulls out of 23 were sold, nine more than in 2021, giving a 91% clearance and an average of £4730.

It was also the first Salers Stirling Bull Sales show since February 2020 which took place on Sunday 20th February 2022 under the expert eye of judge Mr Seamus Nagle of the BullBank, County Clare. Seamus a 5th generation suckler farmer from Doolin runs around 100 Salers and Salers cross cows where the top 20% are bred to a Salers bull to breed replacement females.

The judge found his overall champion in the junior section with Cumbrian Price Poll a homozygous polled bull from Farmstock Genetics who was brought out by breeder and current Society President Mr Tom Walling. Cumbrian Price Poll was sired by Parkfield Polled Napoleon, out of Cumbrian Hyacinth 661 (Poll) and topped the sale the following day realising 8,000gns to pedigree breeders, Mr John Martin, Swinlees, Ayrshire. The Walling family also claimed the reserve junior championship title and the second highest price on the day of 7,500gns for Cumbrian Pele by the same sire as the champion. The May 2020 born bull was out of the Ideal sired daughter, Cumbrian Hyacinth 885 Poll and sold to pedigree breeders G. S. McClymont, Cuil, Newton Stewart.

Two bulls made 7,000gns, the first was Darnford Positive who stood intermediate champion and reserve overall champion from Mr David Watson, Darnford, Aberdeen. He was out of Darnford Gracious, sired by Seawell Kitemark and sold to Livesey Farming, for their Cleuchhead herd of pedigree Salers at Netherfirth, Melrose. The second bull to 7,000gns was the reserve intermediate champion Rednock Prada Poll from Gill & Malcolm Pye of Rednock Estate. Prada was the last of the polled Rigel Munro sons out of Rigel Dior and again found his new home with pedigree breeders, this time in Northern Ireland, with J. J. Maguire, Drumcannon, County Fermanagh.



Cumbrian Pele



Darnford Positivity



Rednock Prada Poll



Drumsleed Panther

## STIRLING BULL SALES – FEBRUARY 2022

The Scottish Government Bull Stud, Inverness paid 6,800gns for 4th prize bull Drumsleed Panther, a Rigel Kurt son out of Rednock Athene Poll from G. & M. Smith, Drumsleed, Laurencekirk and Rednock Pacific Poll, the third prize junior bull made 6,200gns to Herries Farms, Dumfries.

T. R. C. Logan, Kilbirnie Ayrshire paid 6,000gns for the senior champion, Rednock Poseidon Poll a heterozygous polled, March 2020 born bull out of a Sagitaire daughter by Rigel Munro Poll and the reserve senior champion from the same pedigree home, Rednock Pompei made 4,000gns and sold to R. Mackie, Newhouse, Motherwell. Also at 4,000gns was David Watson's Darnford Possibilities sired by Bacardi Nice Guy, which was purchased by J. Mitchell & Co, Greenlaw, Berwickshire and D. Murray Lyle's Strathallan Picador which sold to pedigree breeders Rannagulzion Farms, Blairgowrie, Perthshire.



# STIRLING BULL SALES – FEBRUARY 2022

## Show results

Senior bull section – bulls born on or between 18 October 2019 & 26 April 2020

1st & Senior champion – Rednock Poseidon Poll, G & M Pye, Rednock

2nd & Reserve senior champion – Rednock Pompei, G & M Pye, Rednock

3rd – Over Bow Paddy, B J D Lyburn, Over Bow

4th – Drumaglea Over All, P A Boyd, Drumaglea

5th – Rigel Presley Poll, Rigel Pedigree

6th – Rigel Pizzazz Poll, Rigel Pedigree

Intermediate bull section – bulls born on or between 27 April & 19 May 2020

1st, Intermediate champion & reserve overall champion – Darnford Positive, D A Watson, Darnford

2nd & Reserve intermediate champion – Rednock Prada Poll, G & M Pye, Rednock

3rd - Darnford Possibilities, D A Watson, Darnford

4th – Over Bow Pert, B J D Lyburn, Over Bow

5th – Darnford Prodigy, D A Watson, Darnford

6th – Over Bow Philpot, B J D Lyburn, Over Bow

Junior bull section – bulls born on or after 20 May 2020

1st, Junior champion & overall champion – Cumbrian Price Poll, Farmstock Genetics

2nd & Reserve junior champion – Cumbrian Pele, Farmstock Genetics

3rd – Rednock Pacific Poll, G & M Pye, Rednock

4th – Drumsleed Panther, G & M Smith, Drumsleed

5th – Marwood Pretender, R A & J Blyth, Marwood

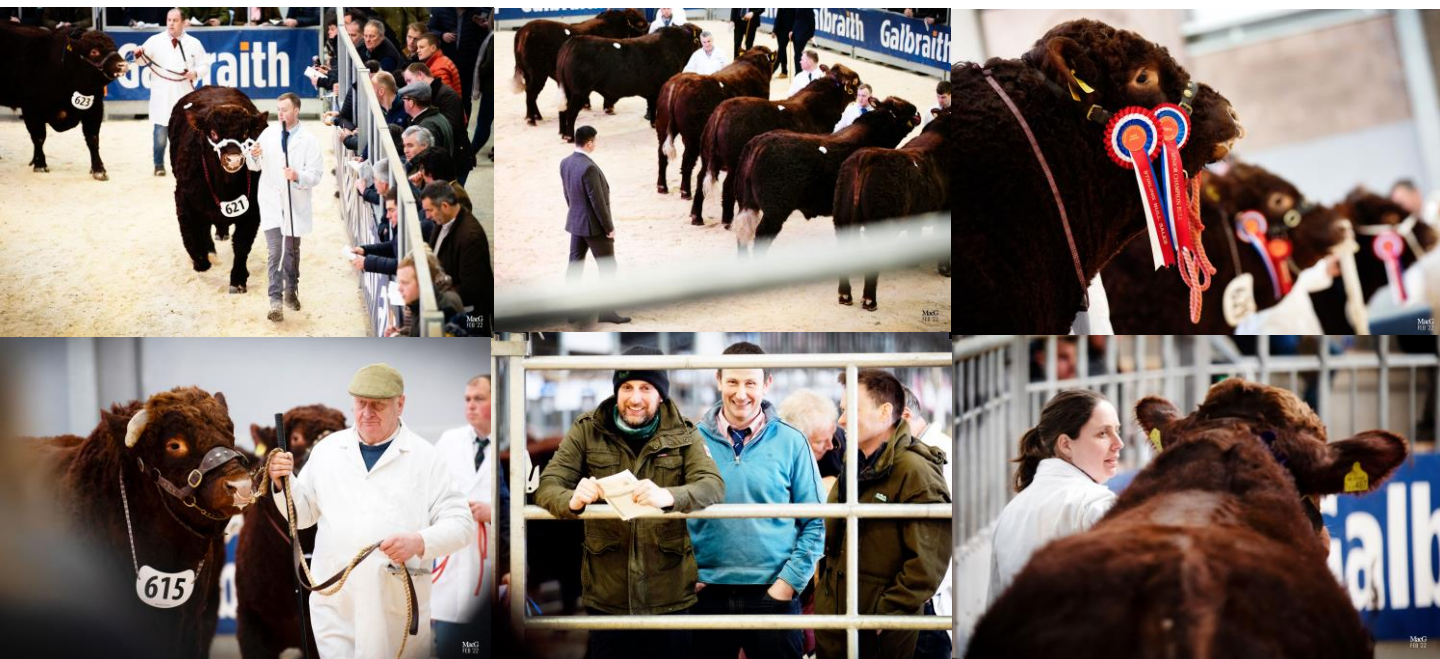
6th – Strathallan Patrick, D M Lyle, Strathallan

Cumbrian Price Poll



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LOT	ANIMAL NAME	PRICE (gns)	SURNAME	ADDRESS
611	DRUMAGLEA OVER ALL	3,200	D M WALKER & SON	GIRVAN, AYRSHIRE
613	REDNOCK POMPEI	4,000	R MACKIE	NEWHOUSE, MOTHERWELL
616	REDNOCK POSEIDON POLL	6,000	T R C LOGAN	KILBIRNIE, AYRSHIRE
617	RIGEL PIZZAZZ POLL	3,800	MESSRS REILLY	BALQUHIDDER, PERTHSHIRE
618	DRUMAGLEA PERKY	3,200	LAGGANORIE FARM TRUST	CASTLE DOUGLAS, KIRKCUDBRIGHTSHIRE
619	OVER BOW PADDY	2,800	W FARQUHAR	KILMARNOCK, AYRSHIRE
621	OVER BOW PHILPOT	2,500	J MITCHELL & CO	GREENLAW, BERWICKSHIRE
622	MARWOOD PASSPORT	3,600	A L DAVIES & SONS	LLANGAMMARCH WELLS, POWYS
623	STRATHALLAN PICADOR	4,000	RANNAGULZION FARMS	BLAIRGOWRIE, PERTHSHIRE
625	REDNOCK PRADA POLL	7,000	J J MAGUIRE	ENNISKILLEN, COUNTY FERMANAGH
626	DARNFORD PRODIGY	3,500	ALTYRE ESTATE	FORRES, MORAYSHIRE
627	DARNFORD POSSIBILITIES	4,000	J MITCHELL & CO	GREENLAW, BERWICKSHIRE
628	DARNFORD PAUL	3,000	ALTYRE ESTATE	FORRES, MORAYSHIRE
629	DARNFORD POSITIVE	7,000	LIVESEY FARMING	NETHER FIRTH, MELROSE
630	OVER BOW PERT	2,500	A MALCOLM & SON	CALLANDER, PERTHSHIRE
631	MARWOOD PRETENDER	3,000	A MALCOLM & SON	CALLANDER, PERTHSHIRE
632	CUMBRIAN PELE	7,500	G S MCCLYMONT	PANMURE, NEWTON STEWART
633	DRUMSLEED PANTHER	6,800	SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT	BULL STUD, INVERNESS
634	REDNOCK PACIFIC POLL	6,200	HERRIES FARMS	DUMFRIES,
635	STRATHALLAN PATRICK	3,000	MERRYMAN BROS	ROD MOOR ROAD, DRONFIELD
636	CUMBRIAN PRICE POLL	8,000	J MARTIN & SON	DALRY, AYRSHIRE



**Over the last few months, a lot of members have asked me if I can explain DNA testing. This is a massive and very complex subject. I am not really qualified to talk about DNA; however, I can try to set out in simple terms what DNA means to the Salers Cattle Society and its members.**

## **When did the Society first introduce DNA testing?**

Testing is perhaps a confusing term as it infers that you are looking for a result.

From 1 January 2016 all SIREs of calves, entered in the UK herd book, were required to hold a DNA profile.

## **What is a DNA profile?**

A DNA profile is a unique profile of 50,000 markers, created for an animal based on the DNA retrieved from either a hair sample, tissue or semen. This profile is called a SNP (pronounced snip).

## **How does the Society use the DNA Profile / SNP?**

Once the DNA profile / SNP has been created, it is stored at the lab under a unique number, usually the barcode of hair sample card and can be used later for further testing such as sire verification.

## **Has the DNA profile always looked at 50,000 markers?**

No. The lab introduced SNPs in 2017.

## **What happened prior to 2017?**

A DNA profile was created but it looked at a lot less markers, the smaller DNA profile was called an STR.

## **If a sire holds a DNA profile, can I sire verify any calf by him if I submit a hair or tissue sample?**

Yes. This is very simple if the sire's profile is held on a SNP too and there is no additional cost.

However, if the sire's profile was performed on the old style STR, then the hair sample must be split or ideally 2 samples submitted. An STR will be created to perform the sire verification against the sire's own DNA profile / STR and a SNP will be created to ensure the calf holds a DNA profile / SNP that can be used in the future. There is an additional cost for this, and it does take a little bit longer.

Parent verification works by looking for DNA in the calf that could not possibly come from the sire (or dam), and if a mismatch is found, then that parent is conclusively disqualified. The lack of a mismatch does not confirm that the parent is correct. It is not feasible to check every single part of the calf's DNA, but a sufficiently large number of markers are checked to the point where the chances of a wrong parent are deemed negligible.

## **Is the myostatin result the same as a DNA profile?**

A DNA profile / SNP is created to ascertain the myostatin result.

## **Can you get a myostatin result without taking a full DNA profile?**

Yes, you can, the hair / tissue sample is run on a much smaller chip in the lab however if there are any unexpected results, for instance, the calf was confirmed as a myostatin carrier, you would not be able to perform comprehensive further investigation and the cost for just the myostatin result is the same as the full DNA Profile / SNP. Therefore, the Society takes a full DNA profile/ SNP to ascertain the myostatin results and can-do further investigation, if necessary, at no extra cost.

## **I have noticed that I get certificate of pedigrees for bull calves that have a myostatin status of MOP (myostatin free by parentage), is this correct?**

Yes, this is correct. A certificate can be issued for a bull calf provided he has a known myostatin status. A calf can only obtain an MOP status when the myostatin status of both its parents is recorded in the system as either MO or MOP. If, however, you wished to register calves by him or enter him in to a Society Sale, he would need to hold a full DNA profile / SNP, so a hair sample should be submitted.

## MYOSTATIN FREE BY 1 JAN 2024 – WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR MEMBERS?

**Every calf from 1 January 2024** whether male or female must be either tested free of myostatin (M0) or be myostatin free by parentage (MOP) to enter the Salers Cattle Society of the UK herd book.

### WHY?

The Council took the decision in March 2019 to eradicate the myostatin gene from the herd book to protect the maternal traits of the breed.

### WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- Use a bull that has been tested myostatin free (M0)
- DNA test your breeding females to understand their myostatin status.  
[Remember if you test your older females first and they are myostatin free, provided they were put to a bull that was free of myostatin also, then their progeny will be myostatin free by parentage (MOP)]

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Myostatin free females put to a myostatin free bull will give you progeny that is myostatin free by parentage (MOP).
- Myostatin free animals are automatically eligible to enter the herd book from 1 Jan 2024 without any further DNA test. This is the case for both males and females.
- Testing will continue to be required for all bulls and MU females entered in the pedigree / production sections of Society sales, for bulls to be used as a sire of registered calves and ad-hoc DNA profiling initiated by yourselves or to satisfy a member or Society query.

### WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I DO NOT TEST MY BREEDING FEMALES BEFORE 2024

If you do nothing, your costs will increase significantly from 1 January 2024. This is because you will need to DNA test all male and female calves to establish their myostatin status before they can be registered with the Society. The table below demonstrates the increase from 2024 onwards of registering 10 females and 2 male calves each year if the myostatin status of the cows is unknown.

	No of Cows	No. of calves to register	DNA Cost	Registration cost U3mths	Total Cost
2021 registrations	20	12	£50	£336	£386
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2024 registrations	20	12	£300	£336	£636

### SOCIETY ASSISTANCE

From 1 January 2022, the Society will reduce the cost of female, under 3 months registrations, that have a known myostatin status, at the time of registration. Those registrations that meet the criteria, born between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022 will be charged £10.00 plus vat per registration. Calves born in 2023 that meet the criteria will be charged £20.00 plus vat per registration and the registration fee will revert to the normal rate on 1 January 2024. Females with an unknown myostatin status will be charged the normal registration fee e.g. Under 3 months = £28.00 plus vat.

## LADY AILEEN MORRISON HALL AUSTIN – MORWENSTOW



Lady Aileen Morrison Hall Austin, sadly passed away on 10 December 2021 aged 90. Wife of the late Sir Anthony, mother of Rebecca, step-mother to the late Caroline, Peter and Nicholas and much-loved grandmother to Alice, Richard, Georgina, Jennifer, Julia, Charlotte and Jack. Lady Aileen was passionate about her herd of Morwenstow Salers which was established in 1990 when the family moved to Stanbury Manor at Morwenstow on the North Cornish coast. Fenside Fiona, the foundation cow, was out of a French import by Bruno. She was flushed and produced five embryos by Cyclone which were then put to the first bought-in bull – Cumbrian Gogo. In 1999 a Cyclone-sired bull Morwenstow Lancelot was awarded Salers breed champion at the Royal Welsh Show. He went on to secure the then breed sale record of 5000gns at Castle Douglas that autumn. In 2010 homebred bull Morwenstow Saracen secured the male and overall championship titles at the Great Yorkshire Show and Morwenstow Jasmin 10 was awarded the female championship, together they went on to take the overall interbreed title. Lady Aileen was a great ambassador for the breed and never missed an opportunity to promote the benefits of Salers, making a commitment to ensure the breed had a presence at the Royal Cornwall show for many years. She took great pride in her herd and was a fount of knowledge. She also thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie of the breeders and wanted to know the latest news right up to the end. At 90-years' old she was still trying to find the next stock bull, spending hours studying which pedigree lines were most suitable and thankfully these carefully selected bloodlines will continue, as Rebecca and her husband Robert take over the running of the Morwenstow herd of pedigree Salers. Lady Aileen will be sadly missed by all her friends in the Salers Cattle Society and our thoughts are with all her family.



## ANTOINE BONAL

In early 2022, Antoine Bonal sadly passed away. Antoine was Director of the Herd Book Salers from 1968 through to 2001 and was a key figure in the success of establishing the breed in the USA, Canada, and in the UK. He was very passionate about the breed, a great organiser and much respected by all who had dealings with him. John Crowe former Breed Secretary of the Salers Cattle Society of the UK wrote: Antoine was a pleasure to work with and became a great friend. As secretary of the Salers Cattle Society of the UK and at that time Southern Ireland, I have so many memories of working with Antoine. He was a true cattle man and did so much to promote the Salers cattle around the world and he did so much to help promote the Salers in the UK, with selecting and sending cattle to our sales in Castle Douglas and Carlisle from France. He arranged visits to farms in France and we took many buying visits to France by coach, train and plane. Where Antoine would negotiate prices on cattle selected by our members and arranged transport when the deals were done. He arranged visits to the shows, including the Salers concourse shows and his hospitality was second to none. He arranged sponsorship and grants with the French government for UK society members to attend national shows in France. He was instrumental with the original imports of Salers to the UK to Graham McClymont, Brian Walling and David Carr. We spoke almost weekly during my 20 years as secretary of the UK society discussing the Salers, pedigrees of cattle and what was happening in France and in the UK. We owe a great deal for the enthusiasm and help of Antoine in establishing Salers in the UK and Ireland. He was a pleasure to work with and became a great friend and after we both retired, have visited each other and stayed in touch. A great cattle man who did so much to promote Salers.





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## DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION FEES

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### 2022

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### 2023

Those registrations that meet the criteria above, born between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023 will be charged the discounted rate of £20.00 plus vat per registration.

Females born in 2022 & 2023 with an unknown myostatin status will be charged the normal registration fee. The registration fees will revert to normal on 1 January 2024.