



**AMERICAN-INTERNATIONAL CHAROLAIS ASSOCIATION
LIVE ANIMAL SPECIFICATION
SPECIFICATION FOR CHARACTERISTICS OF
CATTLE ELIGIBLE FOR APPROVED BEEF PROGRAMS
CLAIMING CHAROLAIS INFLUENCE**

1 SCOPE

This specification sets forth the requirements for live cattle eligible for certification in approved beef programs claiming Charolais influence. Cattle may qualify for the breed influence specification by meeting either of the Genotype requirements specified below.

2 REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Cattle eligible for Charolais certified beef programs must have positive identification (e.g., ear tags, tattoos, brands), and be registered with the American-International Charolais Association (AICA). Both parents must be registered by the American-International Charolais Association.

2.2 Cattle eligible for Charolais influence beef programs based on the genotype portion of the requirement must have positive identification (ear tags, tattoos, brands, facial recognition, etc.) and be traceable back to provable (e.g., registration papers) Charolais parentage. Cattle enrolled in the Char Advantage Feeder Calf Certification program qualify by being traceable to one registered parent (typically sire) and have the Char Advantage Feeder Cattle Certification Program tag (program compliant visual, EID and/or EID combo tag).

3 VERIFICATION

3.1 Genotype. Compliance with genotype requirements shall be determined and controlled through a quality management program approved and monitored by the Livestock and Poultry Program.

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