

# Breeding Loophole

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## Overview

It was highlighted in the media and made headlines on Sky Sports TV that there was a loophole, which allows for Irish whelped litters being registered in England.

The Breeders Association have now closed the loophole in England, so why are the Irish authorities not following suit?

This situation, for which the IGB and the Irish Coursing Club must accept full responsibility, has brought Irish breeding into disrepute and ultimately reflects badly on Irish breeding.

## Actions that are required to rectify the situation and close this loophole

- We submit that all Irish whelped pups must be registered in Ireland.
- Anybody who wishes to have pups registered in England that are born here can do so but must also have the mating and earmarks and microchip registered in Ireland.
- By doing this, the pink form is then adhered to and subject to litter inspections and bitches can be inspected prior to whelping.
- It is crucial that Litter inspections be carried out by Stipendiary Steward's only and not Local Control Stewards.

## Questions for the IGB

- When can we expect this situation to be rectified?