## Appendix 8. Recording Members Letter

## INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR ANIMAL RECORDING

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COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL POUR LE CONTRÔLE DES PERFORMANCES EN ÉLEVAGE



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RE: Annual member organization report on satisfaction with devices in use

Dear ICAR Member Organization,

The ICAR Recording Guidelines, as approved in 2014, stipulate that:

Section 11.5.4.2 - Member Organization report on satisfaction with devices in use

ICAR will once a year contact each member organization and request a report on milk recording devices in use in their member herds. In particular the report should include the following information:

- Names and models of ICAR approved devices currently in use.
- Field reports, if any, on devices which since the previous year report have not met calibration requirements described in 11.6.2 and 11.6.3.
- Copies of written member complaints to manufacturer/dealer about device problems on member farms.

We look forward to receiving your reply by 31 May 2016. The Subcommittee for Recording Devices also requests annual reports from manufacturers on ICAR approved devices in use in accordance with Section 11.5.4.1. These reports, from both manufacturers and member organizations, will be reviewed in confidence by the Subcommittee for Recording and Sampling Devices during the June 13-15, 2016 meeting in Rennes, France in accordance with Section 11.5.4.3 of the ICAR Recording Guidelines. Further, in case of sufficient evidence of problems with a given device, the Subcommittee will communicate with the manufacturer for its response and action and may withdraw/suspend the device approval if the manufacturer has not addressed the problem in the given time frame.

Member organization reports, along with supporting documentation, should be submitted to Cesare Mosconi, ICAR Secretariat, at <a href="mosconi@icar.org">mosconi@icar.org</a> with a courtesy copy to Steven Sievert, Chair, RSD-SC, at <a href="mosconi@icar.org">sjsievert@dhia.org</a> for review. On behalf of the entire ICAR Subcommittee for Recording and Sampling Devices, thank you for time and for your cooperation.

With best regards,

Steven Sievert

Chairman, ICAR Sub-Committee Recording and Sampling Devices