INTERBEEF INTERNATIONAL EVALUATIONS

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1. Routine evaluations

The Intebeef group has decided to have 2 routine evaluations per year. The evaluations are performed during the beginning and at the end of the year. At routine runs, results are sent out to member organization for checking before official release, the period between distribution and official release is called pre release. All the results are confidential until official release.

2. Test evaluations

Within Interbeef it has been decided to have two test evaluations per year if needed.

The first test evaluation will be performed during spring and should be performed:

- 1) when a new member organizations wants to join the Interbeef international evaluations
- 2) for member organizations and Interbull Centre to investigate the impact of new or modified national/international genetic evaluations on the international evaluation
- 3) for Interbull to investigate potential improvements of the international genetic evaluation procedure

A second test evaluation will be performed during the autumn. The second test evaluation will be performed only when/if a new member organization wants to join the Interbeef international evaluations.

Results of test evaluations are reviewed by technical representatives of all countries involved. Pending on the review, an official implementation of the modifications is targeted for a near future, usually within 6 months or at the following routine evaluation.

3 Files and file format

The files and file formats needed to participate in the Interbeef international evaluations can be found on https://wiki.interbull.org/public/beef_guidelines.

4 Service calendar

The service calendar for each year is decided by the Interbeef working group in collaboration with Interbull Centre

4.1 Service calendar 2016

Date	Number of days	Event
ROUTINE EVALUATION		
2016/01/19 - 2016/01/26	6	Period for uploading pedigree in IDEA
2016/01/27- 2016/02/03	6	Period for pedigree verification
2016/02/16	9	Deadline for sending data to Interbull Centre
2016/02/26	8	Pre Release
2016/03/07	7	Deadline for sending comments on distributed results
2016/03/14	5	OFFICIAL RELEASE
TEST EVALUATION		
2016/03/29-2016/04/05	6	Period for uploading pedigree in IDEA
2016/04/06-2016/04/13	6	Period for pedigree verification
2016/04/27	10	Deadline for sending data to Interbull Centre
2016/05/05	6	Deadline for ITBC to send data for VCE
2016/06/01	19	Deadline for VCE to be sent to ITBC
2016/06/13	8	Distribution of result to member organizations
TEST EVALUATION		
Test evaluation for new organizations to be decided		
ROUTINE EVALUATION		
2016/09/13 - 2016/09/20	6	Period for uploading pedigree in IDEA
2016/09/21 -2016/09/28	6	Period for pedigree verification
2016/10/11	9	Deadline for sending data to Interbull Centre
2016/10/20	8	Pre Release
2016/10/31	7	Deadline for sending comments on distributed results
2016/11/07	5	OFFICIAL RELEASE