

DESCRIPTION OF NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS

Country (or countries)	Ireland (IRL)
Breed(s) of animal	Holstein Friesian
Rules to define breed codes¹⁾	All Black and white animals are defined as HOL, Red animals as RED. We rely on exporting country for this information

Distinct ID number ranges²⁾ for

breeds:

Yes

No

If yes please state valid number ranges for each breed

sexes:

Yes

No

If yes please state valid number ranges for each sex

birth years:

Yes

No

If yes please state valid number ranges for each birth year

regions/herds:

Yes

No

If yes please state valid number ranges for regions/herds

others :

Re-use of ID numbers

Yes

No

If yes please state rules for re-use

Information on semen straws

National tag for all animals born after 2001

Herdbook number with prefix 01, RI, or IRL for animals born before 2001

National vs international ID

No.

For Animals born before 2002, they had a national tag as well as a herdbook number if they register with the herd book. The herdbook number is used to derive the International id by translating the numeric herdbook code (e.g 01) or prefix (RI or IRL) to the appropriate country code 'IRL'. We use the international herdbook codes or prefixes for other countries e.g '47'=AUS and '63'=NLD. This is used along with the breed (HOL or RED) to derive the Interbull number. The whole number after first two characters (including letters) is right justified with leading zeros as specified by the Interbull. If only national tag is available (as for all animals born since 2002) this is used after converting the country code from IE to IRL e.g. IE123456789102 becomes HOLIRLM123456789012. Not that in this case, the whole 12 character numeric part of the id is used and there is no leading zeros. Old national tags for non pedigree registered animals are right justified with leading zeros and appended to HOLIRLM or HOLIRLF depending on sex. E.g. a cow with national tag number DAL203KF becomes HOLIRLF0000DAL203KF

¹⁾ 3 character code²⁾ 12 character code

Reference :

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