

## DESCRIPTION OF NATIONAL PUBLICATION POLICY

<b>Country (or countries)</b>	Ireland
<b>Breed(s)</b>	HOL, SIM
<b>Address(es) of official web-site(s) of your country, where bulls receiving an official breeding value can be found</b>	www.icbf.com
<b>Number of updates per year of webpage with breeding values</b>	4
<b>Are minimum requirements (in e.g. reliability/number of daughters) the same for domestic and import bulls? –and if not, please specify the difference</b>	No  For Irish tested bulls the domestic proof is always used. For imported bulls they must reach 90% reliability in domestic evaluation to be published as a domestic proof otherwise Interbull proof is used.
<b>Are there multiple lists for selected bulls and all bulls (e.g. incl. waiting bulls, bulls below requirements)?</b>	Yes
<b>If multiple lists – are all lists accessible on your web-site?</b>	Yes
<b>If multiple lists – what is the difference between the lists?</b>	One has bulls that have an "AIcode" - i.e Irish proven bulls and bulls that have been imported. The other list is a list of bulls with no aicodes - these are all other foreign bulls that could potentially be used. In addition once a year (Feb) an "Active Bull list" is produced that has the top 75 bulls with at least 2000 straws available
<b>If multiple lists – how many bulls are on the selected list?</b>	Domestic & Imported ~ 2000 Foreign File ~100,000 Active bull list = 75
<b>Do you publish Interbull breeding values?</b>	Yes
<b>Are Interbull proofs blended with domestic proofs?</b>	No
<b>If blending of international and national proofs – how is the blending done?</b>	-
<b>Are bulls on your web-site published according to a total merit index (TMI)?</b>	Yes
<b>Minimum requirement for a bull for TMI to be put on the web-site</b>	No restriction in Irish file or Foreign File Active bull list - Top 75 (all breeds) with > 56% reliability
<b>Minimum requirement for a bull for production traits to be put on the web-site</b>	
<b>Minimum requirement for a bull for conformation traits to be put on the web-site</b>	

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for udder health traits to be put  
on the web-site**

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**Minimum requirement for a bull  
for longevity traits to be put on  
the web-site**

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**Minimum requirement for a bull  
for calving traits to be put on the  
web-site**

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**Minimum requirement for a bull  
for female fertility traits to be  
put on the web-site**

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**Other comments**

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