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**Form GENO**

**DESCRIPTION OF NATIONAL GENOMIC EVALUATION SYSTEMS**

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| Country (or countries) | Switzerland (CHR) |
| Main trait groupa.  NOTE. Only one trait group per form! | Female Fertility |
| Breed(s) | HOL |
| Trait definition(s) and unit(s) of measurement Attach an appendix if needed | Non Return Rate after 56 Days (NRR), % (Trait 3 and 4)  Interval from Calving to First Service (ICF), days (Trait 2) |
| Source of genotypes (chips used) | Illumina BovineSNP50 BeadChip (v1 and v2) |
| Imputation method for missing genotypes | No imputation. Missing genotypes are treated as heterozygous. |
| Propagation of genomic information to non-genotyped descendants and ancestors | No |
| Animals included in reference population (males, females, countries included, total number) | HOL/RED, Swiss Fleckvieh and SIM males with a progeny proof of at least 65% reliability (domestic or MACE) |
| Source of phenotypic data (DYD, de-regressed proofs, national EBVs and/or MACE evaluations) | Deregressed proofs, calculated from national EBVs and MACE evaluations |
| Other criteria (data edits) for inclusion of records | Genomic data was included only if the call rate was at least 90% |
| Criteria for extension of records (if applicable) |  |
| Sire categories |  |
| Genomic model (linear, Bayesian, polygenic effect, genotypes or haplotypes) | Bayesian model (Bayes C) using genotypes, without polygenic effect. |
| Blending of direct genomic value (DGV) with traditional EBV | Yes, according to Sullivan's (2009) method. |
| Environmental effects in the genetic evaluation model |  |
| Adjustment for heterogeneous variance in evaluation model |  |
| Computation of genomic reliability | DGV reliability is identical for all animals and is calculated according to the following formula applied to validation bulls:  rel(DGV) = r2(DGV,EBV)  Reliability of GEBV is computed and is at least the highest of DGV and EBV reliabilities |
| Blending of foreign/Interbull information in evaluation | MACE evaluations are included in the SNP effect estimations |
| Genetic parameters in the evaluation | Use Appendix GENO for heritability/genetic variance estimates; for multiple-trait genetic evaluations, provide genetic correlation estimates between traits separately. Use also appendices PR, CO, BCO, SM, LO, CA, as applicable, if you participate in the international genetic evaluations of Interbull |
| Expression of genetic evaluations If standardized (e.g. RBV), give standardization formula in the appendix | DGV standardization is based on reference bulls so that their mean DGV is equal to their mean deregressed proof and the regression of DGV on deregressed proof is forced to 1. |
| Definition of genetic reference base | Rolling base defined by cows born 6 to 8 calendar years ago |
| Labeling of genomic evaluations | G for animals with domestic proof  GA for animals with parent average  GI for animals with international proof (MACE) |
| Criteria for official publication of evaluations | All GEBVs are official. |
| Number of evaluations / publications per year | 3 full releases (April, August, December)  Immediate releases of newly genotyped animals |
| Use in total merit index | GZW is calculated with genomic values |
| Anticipated changes in the near future |  |
| Key reference on methodology applied |  |
| Key organization: name, address, phone, fax, e-mail, web site | Qualitas AG  Chamerstrasse 56  6300 Zug  Switzerland  Phone: +41 41 768 9292  email: info@qualitasag.ch |

aEither: Production (e.g. milk, fat, protein), Conformation, Health (e.g. mastitis resistance, milk somatic cell, resistance to diseases other than mastitis), Longevity, Calving (e.g. stillbirth, calving ease), Female fertility (e.g. non-return rate, interval between reproductive events, number of AI’s, heat strength), Workability (e.g. milking speed, temperament), Beef production, Efficiency (e.g. body weight, energy balance, body conditioning score), or Other traits.

## System Validation

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| Approximate number of test bulls for this trait group: | 200 |
| If including foreign reference bulls:  4-yr old de-regressed MACE EBVs, OR  Current de-regressed MACE EBVs  If including foreign test bulls (type of proof 21 or 22), provide the reason. | Inclusion of 4-yr old de-regressed MACE EBVs |
| If using a truncation ≠ 4 years, provide the reason. |  |
| If applying an age cutoff for test bulls ≠ (YYYY-8), provide the reason |  |

# Appendix GENO

## Parameters used in genetic/genomic evaluation

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| Country (or countries): | | Switzerland (CHR) | | | | |
| Main trait group: | | Longevity | | | | |
| Breed (repeat as necessary): | | HOL | | | | |
| Trait | Definition | | ITBa | h2b | Genetic varianceb | Official proof standardisation formulac |
| Trait 1: Maiden heifer’s ability to conceive |  | |  |  |  |  |
| Trait 2: Lactating cow’s ability to start cycling | Number of days between calving and first service | | X | 0.04 | 31.52 | b= 31.52, c = 12 d=100 |
| Trait 3: Lactating cow’s ability to conceive 1 | Proportion of non return events within 56 days after first service (%) | | X | 0.01 | 0.0022 | b= .0024, c = - 12, d=100 |
| Trait 4: Lactating cow’s ability to conceive 2 | Proportion of non return events within 56 days after first service (%) | | X | 0.01 | 0.0022 | b= .0024, c = - 12, d=100 |
| Trait 5: Lactating cow’s interval calving-conception |  | |  |  |  |  |

aIndicate, with X, traits that are submitted to Interbull for international genetic evaluations.

bIf repeated records are treated as separate traits, provide heritability estimates and genetic variances separately for each trait, as well as for all traits pooled, i.e. for the trait submitted to Interbull.

cExpressed as follows: StandEval=((eval-a)/b)\*c+d where a=mean of the base adjustment, b=standard deviation of the base, c=standard deviation of expression (include sign if scale is reversed), and d=base of expression.