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Dear colleagues,

IDF MILKING MACHINE INFORMATION - 1ST MAILING 2002

Happy New Year!

ISO standards for milking machines

Rolf Thesslin, Sweden, the secretary of ISO/TC 23/WG1 - Milking machines, sent 9 January 2002 i.e. the following information to Edward Hopkin, Director General of IDF:

"Please find attached information about the first meeting of WG 1 which will be held in Frankfurt 2002-02-28 - 03-01. The WG 1 has a list of experts appointed by ISO/TC 23 member countries. As you can see a number of expected peoples are still missing. We expect there will be further appointments from different countries up to this first meeting. However in some countries the standardisation office has not that good communication with the interested parties on milking machines. I therefore ask you to send this information to the IDF experts and ask them to contact their national standardisation body to be appointed to WG 1 if they want to participate.

The WG 1 work will start with one item, to develop a standard for AMS. However it is expected that the work will be expanded to also include the revision of the existing milking machine standards (ISO 3918, ISO 5707 and ISO 6690). That decision will be taken at the TC 23 meeting 2002-03-22."

Later on Thesslin has informed me that the reason for the late ISO/TC 23 approval in March, is that for the revision part there is lack of description for target/scope, time schedule etc., for which the WG 1 is asked to make a proposal. A main item in the first meeting in ISO/TC 23/WG1 in Frankfurt therefore will be to discuss and propose a convenient way to organize the total work. Can e.g. both the work of new AMS requirements and the revision run parallel? Some of you will know that there has been proposed to prepare some of the revision work in small action teams of people already declared they interest of getting some of the existing clauses revised (cf. our survey of revision sent you 25.05.2001).

As written above, if you are interested to take active part in the ISO work and is not on the expert list enclosed as a separate document, you have to contact your national standardisation body as soon as possible. ISO Member Bodies that are not participating in ISO/TC23 may have difficulty nominating people. If so, please contact me and I will ask the chairman of IDF SC Farm Management and/or Director General of IDF if there is anything they can do.

Best wishes,

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