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Dear colleagues,

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IDF A32 INFORMATION AND REQUEST - 1ST MAILING

Welcome

Following our chairman Morten Dam Rasmussen I also will wish you welcome to this first mailing from group A32 in the International Dairy Federation. With 52 names on our new established temporary IDF A32 mailing list, it is a great pleasure to notice the big interest of the work in our international milking machine group.

The revised ISO Standards for Milking machine installations 3918, 5707 and 6690 were fulfilled in 1996. The established ISO working group had their last meeting in October 1995. The first meeting in the new established IDF B6 group was held in April 1993, and was after a resting period reorganised in April 1996, and changed at the end of the year to A32. The A32 group tries to fill the void after the ISO group closed, to cover the need of continuous international contact within the milking machine trade. So far much of our work has been to interpret and supplement the ISO standards.

In September this year the IDF structure will be reorganised with only few permanent groups. The main point with our milking machines group was to establish continuous work to close the gap of international co-operation in the periods between each revision of the international standards. We are therefore anxious about the position of our so far hard-working milking machine group in the new IDF system.

IDF A32 mailing list

Some of you have already got a testing mail, some not. The first group will know that due to some misunderstanding, many of you got the invitation to be put on our mailing list very late. We therefore had to postpone our first real mailing until the middle of July. And still we haven't got the complete "identification" of all of you. As it is very difficult to identify the person beyond some of the E-mail addresses, we have found it necessary to know your "complete identification" including post address, phone- and fax number.

Some of you will therefore be requested to send us more information, some will get this mail by post because of lack of E-mail addresses, and a few of you will be asked if you want future mailings because of lack of confirmation. In addition we know there are people said to be interested to be on our mailing list, but whom will not get this mail because we never received their addresses.

Everyone is therefore asked to look at the recipients of this first E-mail and give a signal if you think there are **more people** from **your country interested** to be on the mailing list. For the reading of the addresses we can inform you that we have tried to organise the addresses starting from the south in America, jumping over to Iceland and going south through Europe and Africa, and ending up in Australia.

Thanks to my colleague Marit Lindtvedt Lystad who has helped me to establish this IDF A32 mailing list. She will still assist me for a while, so don't be surprised if you later on get some questions from her to clarify something about our electronic communication.

Her E-mail address is: marit.lindtvedt.lystad@tine.no

The work of IDF A32 group

The report from our last meeting in Washington DC 14-15th of February 1999 was enclosed the invitation to be registered on our mailing list. Enclosed this first mail you will find our last report to the IDF secretariat telling a bit more precisely about our planned future work.

So far much of our work has been to follow up the ISO standards for milking machines from 1996. In the future we hope to be able to spend more time exchanging information between research institutions, extension services and milking machine companies world-wide, and to encourage for new research work. Thanks i.e. our active chairman, whom expect every member to take their part of the work, the A32 group so far should be classified as one of the more active IDF groups. For the future we maybe should wish more members from other continents than Europe. As the ISO standards for many years have functioned more and less as European standards, this also has coloured the memberships in the A32 group.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM IDF A32

Beneath follows some specific comments to the work done so far by the IDF A32 group:

Proposals from the ISO revision work

Proposals and papers presented during the revision of the ISO milking machine standards, prepared by Ole Lind and Lars Innings 03.06.1997, was the first paper fulfilled by the reorganised A 32 group. The papers contains 80 references of literature, sent to the ISO secretariat during the revision period of the milking machine standards, to support the arguments. The references therefore represent a lot of measurings, from many countries, and they are listed in order corresponding to the clauses in the revised standards.

This literature review, as well as all the papers referred to, are available in a file at the headquarters of IDF.

Instrument bulletin

Instruments for mechanical tests of milking machines, prepared by Action Unit 1 in A32, 20 pages, was approved by IDF in September 1998. This IDF Bulletin consist of 3 parts:

Part A: General: Instrument survey, type of tests and references

Part B: List of instruments

Part C: Addresses: Manufacturers/importers/dealers and test institutes.

The review shall help us when buying instruments for testing and service of milking machines. At the end of 1999 our Action Unit 9 will start the first up-dating of the bulletin. Please contact Terje Alfnes with information about more instruments you like to have in the next edition of this review.

There has been some delay in the printing of this IDF Bulletin. But according to the last schedule the bulletin now should be ready. However, I haven't succeeded to get this confirmed. Contact the IDF headquarters for information.

Misprints and new definitions

Misprints and definitions referring to the ISO standards for milking machine installation is enclosed for information and comments. See the questionnaire on the last page in the document. Deadline for comments is **1st of September**.

Functional requirements

Functional requirements for milking machine according to the 1996 ISO Standards is enclosed for information and comments. See the greetings from the chairman of Action Unit 2 Pierre Lévesque on the last page of the document. Please, recognise that this proposal is distributed without the figures to avoid too large electronic document. Deadline for comments is **1st of September**.

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Have a nice summer!

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