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Dear colleagues,

REVISION OF ISO STANDARDS OF 1996 - NEW SCHEDULE

Concerning for one thing the milking machine standards, the following message is received from ISO:

"In accordance with subclause 2.9 of part 1 of the ISO/IEC Directives, International Standards coming up to five years of age since publication have to be reviewed by the P-members of the committee responsible for their development. The systematic review aims at deciding whether these International Standards should be confirmed, revised or withdrawn. The decision regarding confirmation, revision or withdrawal will be based on the degree to which the International Standards have been implemented at the national level and applied in practice." "At the close of the systematic review, on **30 June 2001**, you are requested to decide whether the relevant International Standards are to be **confirmed, revised or withdrawn**."

This deadline for voting is at least 3/4 of a year earlier than expected one month ago. To follow our plan to prepare the voting procedure and hopefully send you some information back within the voting time, we have in cooperation with the IDF general secretary Edward Hopkin and the chairman of SC Farm Management Morten Dam Rasmussen decided to ask for your input before Easter. Please, **fill in the questionnaire** on the next page and return it **not later than 5 April 2001**. If somebody needs more time, please let me know so we can reserve place for you in the list of subjects to be revised or added.

From the preliminary discussions in the IDF groups, i.e. the following subjects have been proposed to be considered revised or added:

- Lot of misprints to be corrected and definitions to be added.
- Cluster assembly ISO 5707 clause 16 to be completely revised.
- Cleaning more precise requirements.
- Regulator requirement to be revised.
- Vibration requirements to be added.
- Quantitative requirements for small ruminants to be added.

In addition we know that many countries today practice smaller and bigger deviations from the standards.

However, because of the start of a new work for a standard of AMS (milking robot) this summer, there are some doubts if there is available capacity to revise the existing standards in the same period. However, it should be possible to establish small IDF action teams to work out proposals for limited subjects, that can be considered by a bigger group within for example 2-3 years when most of the work of the AMS standard is finished. If we this summer vote yes for a revision, we may be able to expect a revised version about 2005. When voting no, we likely have to wait until 2010 for a new version.

As our way of testing the milking machines is one of the best indicators of how well the standards function, we ask for your assumption about the percentage of following the ISO standards in your testing procedures.

Best regards

Terje Alfnes

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Please, fill in and return to: terje.alfnes@tine.no not later than 5 April 2001:

Answered by: Date, name, company, country:

Address, phone and fax number:

QUESTIONNAIRE REVISING ISO STANDARDS 3918, 5707 AND 6690

Follow the ISO standards when testing: Not at all < 50 % 50-75 % 75-90 % > 90 %

Do you propose the standards to be revised now? No Yes Yes, but priority after AMS

Propose the following revised and/or added:

ISO re - ference	Subject	Remarks (reason, wanted to be changed in direction, experience etc.)	Active ¹⁾ Yes/No
Example 5707 16	Cluster assembly	Doesn't function. New IDF proposal soon available	Yes

¹⁾ Myself/my company/my country expect to take part in the specific revision work.