

Results of the tel. conf. at the 19th of Oct. 2016

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Resulting preamble:

Most important for this newborn international cooperation for beef cattle is to grow and cover more and more countries! And all the participating countries should be named and listed. Very small countries should come in via adequate big partner, if possible respecting genetic relationship and recording system for the traits. And generally we have to respect that we are not based on the same good financial background as the international dairy industry. Therefore we cannot transfer 1 to 1 the same payment rules from the dairy to the beef.

Generally we have some different cases of participating countries / members:

1. Normal participating countries (like Swiss, Germany, ...)
 - a. We have that general agreed basic fee of 4000 € per year
 - b. Additionally we have a degressive variable fee per head of registered cows of participating breeds

2. We have countries participating via “big partners” or working together more or less as one country (like Luxembourg via France, or Nordic countries together). We have actually different systems of payment for that, but it should be cleared for the future for all cases, especially small countries or populations newly engaged in Interbeef.
 - a. Different countries working together (like Nordic countries)

If they send and receive only one data set, correlation between group members is 1, they should be charged like that:

 - **One time basic fee plus the degressive part of the flexible rate per total heads of cows**
 - **n times 1000 € additionally for any additional covered country**
(that means in the case of the Nordics: 2 x 1000 € additionally)

=> These countries have together only one place /one vote in the groups and committees of Interbeef.
Only one bill goes from Interbeef/ICAR to that group, it is in their hands how they distribute the total costs to their partners.
 - b. Small partner working with a big partner (e.g. as LUX or Spain via France)

No differentiation to that payment system above. That means the big one has to pay 1000 € additionally for each country which is included in their transferred data set. As well here: what and how they charge to their (small) partners is in the hands of the directly cooperating big partner!
 - c. Small population / country is newly coming in as an own member (e.g. Slovenia?)

The fees should be limited. Starting with the regular system of fees it could be restricted to **1.25 € per head of registered cow and year**. But **not less than 2000 €** per year at all. And anyway it makes no sense to come in as an independent partner with very low numbers of animals.
(For ex.: 2000 heads => now 2500 € total fee, instead of 4700 € via regular system)