FACTS ON SIRE EVALUATION PROCEDURES APPLIED FOR GROWTH AND BEEF PRODUCTION TRAITS

COUNTRY: SWITZERLAND	
Breed(s):	Black and White, Swiss Braunvieh
Trait definition and unit(s) of measurement	Average daily gain (g/day) and conformation
Type of evaluation	Performance test
Time period for data inclusion	-
Animal groups considered	3 - 12 months of age
Genetic parameters assumed	h ² : 0.40
Sire categories evaluated	All bulls from contract matings (95% of all AI test bulls)
Environmental effects considered by pre-adjustment	None
by evaluation model	Year
Base for age adjustment	-
Use of genetic groups and/or relationship	No
Method of evaluation	BLUP SM
Expression of proof	EBV
Genetic (reference) base	Actual average
Criteria for official publication of sire proofs	All sires with performance test
Number of evaluations/ publications per year	1/1
Use of total merit index	No
Name, address and faxnumber of organization responsible for sire evaluation and publication	Schweiz. Verband für künstliche Besamung Postfach Rüttistrasse CH - 3052 ZOLLIKOFEN Tel: 031 911 38 11 Fax:031 911 29 11
Key references on methodology applied	-