



**APPLICATION TO HAVE A BULL PERFORMANCE TESTED**

**1 Details of Bull:**

NID no.	Breed & Name	Birth Date
IE		

IBR risk status (A, B, C) \_\_\_\_\_

Previous illness/injury \_\_\_\_\_

Past or current medication \_\_\_\_\_

Herd code for herd where the bull has been kept since birth: IE \_\_\_\_\_

Full name and address of Owner (in capital letters)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

This Application must be accompanied by €600 Cheque (or P.O.) made payable to ICBF, being the service fee payable in respect of the Bull to be tested.

**2 Declaration of Johnes Status of the herd in which the bull has resided since birth (Please tick the relevant boxes)**

<b>Please complete all statements</b>	Yes	No
I am the owner/person with day-to-day responsibility for the husbandry of the bull and his cohorts (if not, please ensure this part is completed by this person).		
The bull has been kept at the property identified above since birth.		
Johnes disease has been diagnosed on the property where the bull has been kept.		
A program for the control of Johnes disease is being undertaken on the property where the bull has been kept.		

**3 Undertaking to be signed by the bull owner**

I have read the **terms and conditions** overleaf, under which my bull will be accepted for entry into Tully for performance testing. I agree to be bound by and comply with these conditions and ICBF standard terms and conditions attached. The declaration of Johnes status has been completed by the person with day-to-day responsibility for the husbandry of the bull and his cohorts.

**I hereby declare that the particulars given above are accurate in all respects.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This application must accompany each and every bull submitted for Performance Test by ICBF, at its Tully Test Centre, Tully, Kildare.

**ICBF Terms & Conditions for acceptance of a bull in the G€N€IR€LAND<sup>®</sup> Spring 2009 Performance Test Intake.**

**SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY ICBF.**

- 1 ICBF will make available health test results for each herd, bench-marked against other herds participating in the G€N€IR€LAND<sup>®</sup> beef program, through the provision of elite young beef bulls for the performance test.
- 2 ICBF will collect relevant data for the performance test including; live-weights (recorded three weekly), feed intake (recorded daily), linear scoring, and ultrasonic measurements.
- 3 €uro-Star genetic evaluations will be computed for bulls on the performance test in accordance with ICBF's routine schedule for beef animals, i.e., January, May, August & October. The results of these evaluations will be made available to bull owners and published through the ICBF website ([www.icbf.com](http://www.icbf.com)).
- 4 Phenotypic and genetic information will be made available electronically to individual bull owners and herdbooks. In addition, reports covering the performance of bulls on test will be provided periodically to relevant herdbooks for the provision of information back to bull owners.

**TESTING FEES.**

- 5 All fees include VAT at 13.5%.
- 6 The cost of the service is €900. All bulls completing the Spring 2009 performance test qualify for an Elite Beef Bull award of €300 sponsored by the FBD Trust. The fee charged to the owner will be €600, to include costs such as bull ration, hay, bedding and veterinary attendance. This is a subsidised fee and only covers a proportion of such costs. In certain circumstances outlined hereunder the owner will have to pay the non-subsidised cost (€2,000). The full fee of €600 (cheque or P.O.) per bull must be paid on entry of the bull to the pre-entry isolation.
- 7 Upon completion of the test, the bull(s) must be removed within seven days. If any bull is not removed within seven days of completion of the test, the owner will be charged for the non-subsidised cost of feeding and maintaining the bull(s) (currently €20.00 per day).
- 8 In the event of a bull being withdrawn by the owner prior to the completion of the testing programme, the owner will be liable for the full non-subsidised cost of testing and maintaining the bull (€2,000). The amount owing is calculated as follows: €100 + number of days on Test @ €20.00 per day.
- 9 In the event of a bull having to leave the Test Centre as a result of a decision of ICBF and through no fault of the owner, prior to the completion of the testing programme the owner will be refunded any excess service fee already paid. The refund will be computed as follows: Fee (€600) – number of days on Test @ €6 per day.
- 10 In the event of a bull having to be retained at the Test Centre after completion of the test in compliance with animal health legislation or laws and regulations having similar effect, the Owner will be responsible for the cost of maintaining such bull(s) at the non-subsidised cost rate (currently €20.00 per day).
- 11 Any additional costs incurred by ICBF on top of the standard costs covered by the service fee will be passed on to the bull owner.

**CONDITIONS FOR PROVISION OF SERVICE.**

- 12 **Ownership.** The bull(s) shall remain the property of the bull owner. Where a bull changes ownership during the performance test the bull owner must notify ICBF immediately. Unless ICBF is notified it will continue communicate with the owner.
- 13 **Testing period.** The test period will be some 120 days in duration. This includes up to 30 days pre-entry isolation and 90 days at the Tully performance test centre. The test commencing in May 2009 is scheduled for completion not later than September 2009.
- 14 **Testing regime.** All bulls will be fed on an ad-libitum basis whilst on the performance test.
- 15 **Transport of bulls.** Owners will be responsible, at their cost, for the transport of their bull(s) to the relevant pre-entry isolation centre as directed by ICBF. The bulls in these vehicle(s) can only be accompanied by other bulls of the same IBR status also travelling to the performance test Centre. Owners are responsible for transporting bulls from the Tully performance test centre, at their cost, on the completion of the performance test.
- 16 **Pre-test Preparation.** All bulls must be weaned and eating ration at least two weeks before entry to the pre-entry isolation centre. All bulls must be halter trained before entry to the Centre. All bulls must be ringed before entry to the Centre. If the Centre should at its absolute discretion accept a bull that is not ringed, the full cost of ringing the bull shall be borne by the Owner. All bulls must be dehorned before entry.
- 17 **Vaccination.** All bulls will be routinely vaccinated at the point of pre-entry isolation for the following diseases; RSV, P13 and Pasteurella. The bull owner undertakes to also arrange for the bull to be vaccinated for RSV, P13 and

Pasteurella prior to leaving the home farm. All bulls not certified vaccinated for ringworm will be vaccinated on entry and the full costs will be borne by the Owner.

- 18 **Health Testing.** No bulls from TB, Brucellosis or E.B.L. restricted herds will be accepted onto performance test. Bulls will not be accepted onto the performance test unless accompanied by identification cards duly endorsed for T.B. and Brucellosis which must be presented on arrival to pre-entry isolation. ICBF's decisions in regard to acceptance of bulls on the basis of health test results will be final. Bulls entering the performance test program will be health tested at three different stages of the program as follows;
- a) **On farm testing.** All potential entrants for the performance test will first be tested on farm for the following diseases; Johnes, IBR, BVD, TB, Brucellosis & EBL. These tests are to be carried out by the bull owner's veterinary surgeon and at the cost of the bull owner and all results provided to ICBF. In accordance with best practice advice received by ICBF additional cohorts will be tested for IBR and Johnes, in addition to the bull(s) selected for the performance test. Only bulls passing all relevant health tests will be selected for pre-entry isolation as part of the beef performance test.
  - b) **Pre-entry isolation.** All bulls will enter a pre-entry isolation centre on a 30 day Tuberculosis and Brucellosis test which will be carried out by a Veterinary Inspector from the local D.V.O. of the Department of Agriculture, Food & Rural Development. Prior to leaving their home farm all bulls will be allocated an IBR risk status by ICBF based on an assessment of the probability that the bull is a latent carrier of IBR or will become infected with IBR prior to entry to the relevant pre-entry isolation unit. The determination of risk status will be based primarily on the results of IBR testing of the bull's cohorts and their vaccination history. There will be at least three IBR risk status'; A – lowest risk, B – medium risk and C – higher risk. Bulls will be allocated one of these three risk categories and the bull owner notified accordingly. All bulls failing any health test during pre-entry isolation will be returned to bull owners. Where one or more bulls fail an IBR test at pre-entry isolation all bulls in the same risk group will continue their test or may be returned at ICBF discretion depending on the best practice advice from the Tully health advisors. The test fees paid will be refunded for any bull returned to its owner as a result of failing the pre-entry isolation disease testing. Bulls passing pre-entry isolation disease testing will be moved by ICBF to the Tully performance test centre where they will continue their performance test.
  - c) **Tully performance test centre.** Bull selected for progeny test may be health tested during the performance test and will be health tested at the end of their performance test. This is to identify any diseases that may be found and to facilitate their movement to AI centres for the collection of semen for the progeny test program. b
- 19 ICBF Decisions on the interpretation of Health test results shall be final.
- 20 **Access to Health Test Results.** The bull owner by accepting these terms and conditions authorises ICBF to access electronic and or paper copies of all health test results (including TB, Brucellosis, EBL, Johnes, BVD & IBR) as compiled by DAF and the bull owner's Veterinarian for the bull and all cohorts.
- 21 **Minimising the risk of disease outbreak.** In order to minimise the risk of disease outbreak ICBF will follow best practice in accordance with the expert advice provided by independent veterinary experts it may appoint from time to time. The protocol to be followed at the pre-entry isolation units and the performance test centre is outlined in the Tully Health Protocol which can be viewed on the ICBF website ([www.icbf.com](http://www.icbf.com)).
- 22 **Bull owner accepts risk.** The owner of the bull accepts that there is a risk of a disease outbreak or illness and in the case of such eventuality any costs associated with or resulting from an outbreak of disease or illness whilst the bull is in the care of ICBF will be the responsibility of the bull owner and ICBF will have no liability whatsoever in this regard.
- 23 **Bull owner indemnifies ICBF.** The bull owner shall indemnify and keep indemnified ICBF against any costs, claims or liabilities that may arise or that ICBF may incur as a result of (i) any outbreak of disease that can be traced to his/her bull or (ii) the acts or omissions of the bull owner or (iii) a breach by the bull owner of these terms and conditions.
- 24 **Insurance.** ICBF strongly recommends that Owners who have bull(s) accepted for testing fully insure such bull(s) for any losses incurred while the bull is at the Centre or as a result of the testing process.
- 25 **Visiting the performance test.** Bulls may only be viewed whilst on the performance test at both pre-entry isolation and at the Tully performance test centre by prior appointment with the Tully Test Centre manager and on a day and at a time agreed by the Tully Centre manager.
- 26 **Movement Requirements.** In accordance with the Department's cattle movement monitoring system, all bulls entering a pre-entry isolation centre must be accompanied by the appropriate cattle movement notification form duly endorsed by the bull owner. This form will be signed by the Manager in Tully and the bull owner will be responsible for forwarding the form to the notification agency within seven days of the transaction.

- 27 **Removal of bulls from test.** ICBF reserves the right at its sole discretion to:
- a) arrange immediate slaughter of any bull on humane grounds,
  - b) return any bull to the owner if in the opinion of ICBF the bull is no longer capable of completing the test,
  - c) return the bull to the owner if preliminary test results indicate that his merit is such that continuation of the test cannot be justified,
  - d) reject for entry to test any bull which in the opinion of ICBF is not suitable for testing,
  - e) return any bull to the owner if in the opinion of ICBF the bull has become infected with a disease which poses a risk to the other bulls under test.

In all of these cases ICBF will make every reasonable effort to contact the bull owner and discuss the circumstances prior to the decisions being taken and the owner will be responsible for removing the bull from ICBF's care.

- 28 **Liability.** ICBF will not be liable for the death, injury, illness or other condition of any bull(s) not caused by the negligence of ICBF its servants or agents in the care, management, feeding and maintenance of the bull(s).
- 29 **PLEASE NOTE THAT** the above services will also subject to the ICBF's standard terms & conditions of supply, a copy of which is attached. In the event of inconsistency between the standard terms and the above conditions, the above conditions will prevail.

**OWNER DECLARATION ON IBR AND JHONES STATUS OF HERD**

- 30 **Jhones** – the owner

Headings used in this document are for clarification purposes & do not form part of the agreement.

**Contact Details for ICBF**

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