

Change of identity used internationally for Nordic herdbooked bulls.

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For bulls born after 1.st of January 2023 in Finland, Sweden and Denmark the international identity is their original international identity/eartag number from birth throughout their life. For bulls born before 1.st of January 2023 in Finland, Sweden and Denmark their international identity is still the herdbook number. Bulls born after 1st January 2023 will still receive a herdbook number when getting herdbooked, but it will no longer change their international identity.

Animals born before the deadline will maintain their current used international identities throughout.

In practice this means that bulls born after January 1.st 2023, from the NAV countries, are no longer to be identified internationally by their herdbook number, but from their birth identity in the variable id_int.

The id_int is a so called "Interbull id" which is 19 characters long, described below:

- 3 Char. English ICAR Breedcode
- 3 Char. country code iso-3166. First country of registration of the animal
- 1 Char. gender code of animal, M(ale) or F(emale)
- 12 Num. ID number of the animal, first country of registration, right justified and leading zeroes

The 7 characters representing the breed, nationality & gender will not be changed, but the 12 numbers with the national birth identity for the animal will no longer be updated when herdbooked.

Id_int is to be used on export certificates and exchanges between the NAV-countries for both males and females.

Note: Dairy Bulls born before 1.st of January 2023 are still identified using their herdbook number as their unique identifier.