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Jersey Fitness conversions

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When to use these formulas

These conversions should only be used for converting cow evaluations and bulls which do not have an Interbull evaluation. Please check with AHDB Dairy if in doubt.

The formulae provide a guide only to the expected evaluations of the relevant bull or cow in the UK.

How to convert a foreign proof using figures in the table below

Approximate UK PTA = a + (b * Foreign proof)

How to adjust the converted reliability

To take into account the loss of accuracy when converting a foreign proof into a UK equivalent, Interbull guidelines recommend that the foreign reliabilities should be adjusted by the squared correlations between the foreign and UK genetic evaluations.

Somatic Cell Count (SCC)

The foreign SCC reliability must therefore be multiplied by 0.90 (i.e. **UK reliability = 0.90** * **Foreign reliability**)

		а		b		
GBR	=	6.1	+	37.462	*	AUS
GBR	=	183.18	+	-1.809	*	CAN
GBR	=	66.91	+	-0.726	*	CHE
GBR	=	72.81	+	-0.844	*	DFS
GBR	=	156.54	+	-1.539	*	ITA
GBR	=	247.9	+	-2.686	*	NLD
GBR	=	4.68	+	21.828	*	NZL
GBR	=	-177.54	+	59.664	*	USA
GBR	=	-0.88	+	0.476	*	ZAF

Mastitis

The foreign Mastitis reliability must therefore be multiplied by 0.75 (i.e. **UK reliability = 0.75 * Foreign reliability**)

		а		b		
GBR	=	1.15	+	10.14	*	AUS
GBR	=	20.75	+	-0.202	*	CAN
GBR	=	10.47	+	-0.109	*	CHE
GBR	=	12.96	+	-0.138	*	DFS



```
23.32 +
                     -0.225 *
GBR =
                                ITA
GBR =
          31.73 +
                      -0.334
                                NLD
           0.63 +
                      3.109
GBR =
                                NZL
           1.05 +
                      -0.577
GBR =
                                USA
           0.06 +
                      0.067 *
GBR =
                                ZAF
```

Lifespan (LS)

The foreign LS reliability must therefore be multiplied by 0.70 (i.e. UK reliability = 0.70 * Foreign reliability)

			а		b					
GBR	=	(-0.24	+	3.951	*	AUS)	*	305
GBR	=	(-3.52	+	0.034	*	CAN)	*	305
GBR	=	(-1.45	+	0.016	*	DFS)	*	305
GBR	=	(-0.26	+	0.12	*	IRL)	*	305
GBR	=	(-2.87	+	0.029	*	ITA)	*	305
GBR	=	(0.09	+	0.001	*	NLD)	*	305
GBR	=	(-0.21	+	0.081	*	NZL)	*	305
GBR	=	(0.05	+	0.1	*	USA)	*	305
GBR	=	(-0.74	+	0.007	*	ZAF)	*	305

Fertility Index (FI)

The foreign FI reliability must therefore be multiplied by 0.60 (i.e. **UK reliability = 0.60** * **Foreign reliability**)

```
GBR
          0.5
                    -0.5722
                                AUS CI trait
                                                         0
                                                              AUS NR trait
                     0.5882 *
       -105.1
                               CAN CI trait
                                                    0.4475
                                                              CAN NR trait
GBR
    =
                          0 *
        -26.8
                               CHE CI trait
                                                    0.2743
                                                              CHE NR trait
GBR
    =
        -38.8
                    0.2773 *
                                                    0.1732
GBR
    =
                                DFS CI trait
                                                              DFS NR trait
                    -1.6257 *
GBR
    =
          -1
                                IRL CI trait
                                                        0
                                                              IRL NR trait
         -190
                                                    0.7217
GBR
    =
                    1.1463
                                NLD CI trait
                                                              NLD NR trait
                    77.1793
GBR
    =
         0.4
                                NZL CI trait
                                                        0
                                                              NZL NR trait
                                                     0.895 *
GBR
    =
         -3.2
                    1.4509
                                USA CI trait
                                                              USA NR trait
                                                           * ZAF NR trait
GBR =
         0.2
                    -0.3471 *
                               ZAF CI trait
                                                       0
```