This measure applied to all dairy cows (lactating and dry) and to pregnant heifers if kept together with dairy cows. Integument alterations are defined as hairless patches and lesions/swellings. Only skin alterations of a minimum diameter of 2cm at the largest extent are counted. Additionally, skin alterations in terms of hairless patches and lesions/swellings are counted in accordance with criteria below:

Lesion/swelling:

* Damaged skin either in form of scab or wound
* Dermatitis due to ectoparasites
* Completely or partly missing teats
* Ear lesions due to torn off ear tags