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COMPETITION HORSE MOVEMENT

Dubai, United Arab Emirates
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The FEI Veterinary System And Collaboration With Government Authorities

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Overview

1. The FEI International Equestrian Event
2. The International High Performance Horse
3. FEI Veterinary System
4. Collaboration with Government and Intergovernmental bodies
5. Key issues to overcome and lessons learnt
Role of FEI in equestrian sport

Protect the image and develop Equestrian Sport

Provide Rules, Regulations & Standards:
• approving all events for equestrian competitions including Championships, Regional & Olympic Games

Control the technical organisation for all FEI events
• Including Veterinary matters
You are expected to adhere to the FEI’s Code of Conduct.

You are also expected to acknowledge and accept that at all times the welfare of the horse must be paramount and must never be subordinated to competitive or commercial influences.

CODEX FOR ALL

VETERINARIANS - INCLUDING BIOSECURITY
The Unique Partnership with the Horse Requires

| Doping and Medication Controls |
| Welfare Codes and Legislation |
| Rules of the Sport            |
| Officials                     |
| Safety and injuries surveillance |
| DISEASE CONTROL AND BIOSECURITY |
| IDENTIFICATION methods        |
| International Trade and Movement of horses |
| Education & Communication     |
| REGULATIONS                   |
FEI Unique Communication Capability

- FEI Website - FEI.org
- Calendar of Events
- Annual Report
- FEI Press News (Weekly - FAX & email)
- Direct memos to National Federations
- Guidance notes

- FEI Focus
- Digital Media
- Social media
- NF Updates
- Direct mailing
- Training and Development Programmes
- Courses

- REGULATIONS

- Guidance notes from Vet Dept to FEI Vets
- FEI Veterinary.org
- FEI Veterinary Meetings at major events - Reports
- FEI Veterinary Seminars & Courses
- Direct memos to National Federations
- FEI Directory
- National Head Vets
- FEIvet.com (planned)
THE FEI EVENT
ALLTECH FEI World Equestrian Games™
2014 in Normandy-France
8 disciplines . 15 days . 60 nations . 1000 champions
FROM 23 AUGUST TO 7 SEPTEMBER

INFO / PURCHASE
Normandy2014.com
0033 9 74 77 70 94

Let the Games begin!
### 2014 World Equestrian Games

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Number of FEI Events

The graph shows the number of FEI events from 2009 to 2013. The number of events has been increasing steadily over this period, rising from approximately 2000 in 2009 to around 4000 in 2013.
The Equine Economic Effect

Germany, Aachen WEG – 160 Million Euro locally for one event

Pan American Games 2011, Mexico – 100 millions of Pesos

UK equestrian sector is the largest sporting employer in the UK
- Indirect employment 220 – 270 000
- Greater now than UK farming

USA World Equestrian Games 2010
- Generated over 200 million USD to local economy

Normandy 2014 – Deliottes Impact Study underway

EVERY 5 HORSES CREATES ONE JOB
THE FEI HORSE

An International High Performance Horse

“AN ATHLETE”
HHP Horse
Obtaining an FEI Passport
THE FEI
VETERINARY SYSTEM
FEI Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)

- Appointed by the Organising Committee at every event
- Works with OC to ensure provision of adequate veterinary services, facilities and biosecurity
- Specific requirements for the VSM for Major Games: i.e. WEG/ Olympics are appointed 2 years in advance
- The FEI Veterinary Delegate reports to the FEI, on the provision of services & minimum standards
Veterinary Preparation for the Event

Veterinary Team
Veterinary Preparation for the Event

A Focus on the health of the horse
Horse Inspections & Examinations

- Essential To FEI Competition
- Passport Control
  - infectious disease checks
  - establish horse identity
- Veterinary Examinations
  - clinical examinations
  - Check for possible disease
- Horse Inspections
  - ensuring horses are fit to compete
PASSPORT CONTROL - ID CHECK

ALL NEW HORSES REGISTERED WITH THE FEI ARE NOW MICROCHIPPED
Equine Influenza Rules

ALL HORSES COMPETING IN FEI COMPETITIONS REQUIRE AN INFLUENZA VACCINATION WITHIN SIX MONTHS + 21 DAYS OF THE COMPETITION.

• Record in passport:
  • primary course of two vaccinations,
  • third dose (the first booster) must be given within 6 months and 21 days
  • annual boosters at least given subsequently (i.e. by 365 days of last dose).

OIE STANDARDS
Horse Inspections
“Fitness to compete”

• common sense approach to fitness and safety
• absolute soundness not required
• meet between the GJ and Vet Com or Delegate to discuss procedure and set level of “fitness” for competition. TD usually present
• Holding Box for doubtful cases
• ultimate objective for horses to compete safely
COLLABORATION WITH GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES
Equine International Movements and Governments

• International Equestrian Events are unique gatherings of unique animals

• Governments have a special role to play in this trade and this sport

• **NF relationship with Government is critical**

• FEI works at Inter-governmental level (EU, OIE, WHO etc)

  Governmental Level
FEI National Head Veterinarians

- One for each National Federation
  - for dissemination of information
  - must have a strong network
  - part of FEI consultation processes
  - assists with appointing FEI Vets
- Very well placed to **have a key liaison role in working with governments.**
- Harmonisation of approach of FEI National Federation Head Vets is essential.
ASIAN GAMES KOREA 2014 ref 2010

- This time horses came from EDFZs i.e. India, China
- High Health High performance horse Principles applied
- Double number nations competing in 2014
KEY PROBLEMS CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT AND FOR EQUESTRIAN EVENTS
Key problems Concerning International Movement For Equestrian Events

• A lack of understanding and communication of the high FEI veterinary standards of the high performance horse.

• Poor application of OIE concepts and principles within the OIE Code – a need for clarification of guidance on the high health high performance horse.

• Very different national requirements

• If Quarantine needed, often inconsistency of approach, disproportionate, not reflecting risk.
Working with World Animal Health Organisation (OIE)

• Safeguarding fair world trade by publishing standards for international trade of animals under SPT agreement
• Assisting National Veterinary Services
• Simple transparency in the global disease situation and prevention
• Protecting animal welfare
• Wants international solidarity in animal health
• Obtaining and distributing the best knowledge

ALL FEI VALUES AS WELL
The Facts

• High Performance horses tend to move “Bubble to Bubble” and do not want to risk disease in any way – very good grounds to be a sub population

• FEI level events have a very high degree of veterinary supervision and health standards

• Performance horses representing years of preparation must maintain exercise.
• The OIE Code is very applicable for the movement of FEI horses.

• The EU approach to the high performance horses as a sub population status worked very well.

• There is now much potential for the greater use of the concepts such as sub population or Equine Disease Free Zone (EDFZ) concepts, channelling i.e. Asian Games 2014.
The Equine Sub Population

FEI HIGH HEALTH HIGH PERFORMANCE HORSE

SPORT HORSES

OTHER HORSES
The High Health High Performance (HHP) Equine Sub Population

Easily Identifiable – via passports and micro-chipping
• Testing records within passports
• Vaccination records
• Enforcement and Regulations
• High levels of Veterinary supervision and husbandry understood by government authorities
• Moving from a highly supervised bubble to bubble
• A binding clear well understood Biosecurity approach

A CONFIDENT, SAFE BUT EFFICIENT RISK BASED APPROACH FOLLOWS
THANK YOU
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