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## **CHAPTER II      REQUIREMENTS FOR FEI EVENTS**

### **HORSES' ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE**

#### **Article 1001**

##### **Equine Identification**

1. PRs must comply with the requirements for national and FEI Passports, Recognition Cards and registration for FEI Events as described in Articles 113 and 137 of the General Regulations.
2. Passports must be filled in according to the instructions "How to fill in a Passport" contained in the Passports.
3. The FEI Passport or Recognition Card must be revalidated every 4 years.
4. A duplicate Passport must be issued when any of the sections is full.
5. Horses registered for the first time with the FEI, after 1 January 2013, must be identifiable with a microchip compatible with ISO 11784 and ISO 11785.
6. Microchip information must be entered into the Passport and the FEI Database. Should a Horse have more than one functioning microchip, additional microchip information must be entered in the Passport Description page.
7. Should a Horse be implanted with a new microchip, or changes needed to be made relating to microchip information, the Microchip Changes form must be filled in and sent to the Horse's administering NF.

#### **Article 1002**

##### **Vaccinations and Infectious Diseases**

1. All laboratory tests performed for infectious disease testing, particularly those required by government legislation, must be recorded in the Passport.
2. All Horses entering the FEI Stables Area and/or participating in FEI Events must be vaccinated against equine influenza, according to Article 1003.
3. Horses entering the FEI Stables Area that are not competing must be FEI-registered Horses. They must comply with the equine influenza vaccination requirements as described in Article 1003, undergo an Examination on Arrival and comply with any additional health requirement.
4. Exceptions from the influenza vaccination requirements may be granted by the FEI Veterinary Department and where national legislation states otherwise which shall only be applicable to Horses competing in that nation.
5. All information concerning vaccinations must be written in the Horse's Passport in the roman alphabet.
6. Vaccinations administered against Equine Influenza and other equine infectious diseases must be entered in the Horse's Passport on the correct vaccination page.
7. The name and batch number of the vaccine and the date of administration must be recorded in the Passport.

8. Vaccination must be administered by a veterinarian who must sign and stamp the Passport against the relevant vaccination entry.
9. Errors in recording vaccination details must be corrected by marking a single line through the incorrect information and re-writing all the details for that vaccination on a new line. The person marking through the incorrect information must place their initials next to the deletion. The use of correction fluid is prohibited.
10. When a new or duplicate FEI Passport is issued, the Horse's veterinarian can use the following statement to summarise a long equine influenza history: *"The vaccination history of this Horse is correct to date in accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations. Last vaccination on 00/00/00 date"*.
11. No vaccination shall be given within seven days of the Horse's arrival at the Event.
12. Vaccinations must not be given to Horses at FEI Event sites.

### **Article 1003**

#### **Equine Influenza Vaccination Requirements**

1. All proprietary Equine Influenza vaccines are accepted by the FEI, provided the route of administration complies with the manufacturer's instructions (i.e. intramuscular injection or intranasal).
2. An initial Primary Course of two vaccinations must be given; the second vaccination must be administered within 21-92 days of the first vaccination.
3. The first booster must be administered within 7 calendar months following the date of administration of the second vaccination of the Primary Course.
4. Booster vaccinations must be administered at a maximum of 12 month intervals however Horses competing in Events must have received a booster within 6 months +21 days (and not within 7 days) before arrival at the Event.
5. Horses may compete 7 days after receiving the second vaccination of the primary course.
6. Horses that have received the Primary Course prior to 1 January 2005 are not required to fulfil the requirement for the first booster, providing there has not been an interval of more than 12 months between each of their subsequent annual booster vaccinations.

### **Article 1004**

#### **Prohibited Methods**

1. Horses are not permitted to compete in FEI Events:
  - a) with hyposensitive or hypersensitive areas of the body;
  - b) with a tracheotomy/tracheostomy (i.e. an existing surgical opening through the skin into the trachea);
  - c) following gene doping (i.e. the non-therapeutic use of cells, genes, genetic elements or the modulation of gene expression having the capacity to improve performance);
  - d) following any form of genetic modification;
  - e) following blood doping, or similar methods (e.g. ozone haemotherapy),
  - f) with any object that punctures the skin with the exception of wound closure materials;
  - g) wearing contact lenses unless permission has been granted from the FEI Veterinary Department; and