

# CRITICAL MEASURES/REQUIREMENTS FOR A SAFE RETURN TO COMPETITION IN MAINLAND EUROPE POST-EHV-1 (12 APRIL ONWARDS)



## OBJECTIVES

### *Overall objectives*

- To protect FEI horses and global equestrian sports from the consequences of infectious diseases being transmitted before, during and after FEI Events.
- To provide reassurance of the high health of equestrian sport horses to global, continental and national veterinary authorities and organisations in order to maintain and further improve the conditions for international movement of such horses.

**Short term objective** - Minimise the risks for a restart of FEI competitions in mainland Europe after the EHV-1 outbreaks.

**Long term objective** - Increase biosecurity knowledge, skills and awareness among all FEI stakeholders.

**Temporary Provisions** – The measures include a series of temporary provisions, which will remain in place until **30 May 2021**, providing a science-based safety margin to allow for monitoring of any further related outbreaks. This date can be extended if required and advance notice will be provided to the community.

**Number of Horses** – The number of horses referred to in the below measures will be based on the maximum numbers as per the 2021 schedule for these specific events. If that is not available, the 2019 entry figures will be used. The Organiser will also be required to advise the FEI if there will be other competitions or non-competing horses onsite, as the overall number will include non-FEI horses.

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<b>PREPARATIONS OF VENUE BEFORE THE EVENT</b>					
<p><b>EVENT BIOSECURITY PLAN</b></p> <p>In accordance with the FEI Veterinary Regulations (VRs) all events are already mandated to have a biosecurity plan and a mitigation plan for outbreaks of infectious disease. OCs must submit these document to the VD no later than one week before the event.</p>	VRs	By Veterinary Delegate (VD) one week in advance of event. Spot checks by FEI Veterinary Department		X	
<p><b>SIGN-OFF ON BIOSECURITY MEASURES</b></p> <p>For events with more than 400 horses stabled overnight the biosecurity measures must be signed off one week in advance of horse arrivals. A biosecurity checklist will be provided based on FEI Regulations and temporary provisions.</p>	Temporary provision	<p>This sign-off is done by a listed independent veterinarian. The National Head Veterinarian (NHV) approves the list of these veterinarians.</p> <p>The National Federation (NF) appoints the veterinarian for each event. The listed veterinarian reports to FEI Veterinary Department.</p>		X	NHV/NF

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<p><b>STABLING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All stabling must have good ventilation.</li> <li>The aisles must have one-way systems so horses do not meet nose-to-nose.</li> <li>Grooming/saddling in the aisle area prohibited.</li> <li>Horses from the same transport to be stabled together.</li> <li>Recommendation that vaccinated horses should be stabled separately from unvaccinated horses. (If a transport includes vaccinated and unvaccinated horses, they must be stabled in the unvaccinated area.)</li> </ul> <p><b>Options for indoor/under the same roof stabling:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not more than 100 horses stabled overnight in a shared airspace. Recommendation: at least 2.4m high box walls between horses of different athletes, or alternatively one empty box/tack box between horses of different athletes.</li> <li>Not more than 200 horses stabled overnight sharing the same airspace. Boxes must be grouped in units of up to 16 boxes. Minimum six-metre distance in all directions between each unit of 16 boxes.</li> </ol>	Temporary provisions			X	
Maps of where each athlete's horses are to be stabled must be produced before the arrival of the first horses. Updated map to be provided once the horses have arrived if any changes were made to the original stable plan.	VRs	The maps must be made available to the VD before the start of the event as printouts and digital photos/PDF. Updated versions to be provided if changes to original map/plan.		X	

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Implementation of FEI best practice on cleaning and disinfection of stables in accordance with Article 1017 of the FEI VRs. Designated responsible person within the OC.	VRs	Activity record to be kept and controlled by the VD.		X	
All boxes must be sealed after cleaning and disinfection.	Temporary provision			X	
Mandatory handwashing/hand disinfection at entry/exit points of stables.	VRs			X	
Disinfection spray at key points throughout venue (entry points, stables)	Temporary provision			X	
<b>ISOLATION STABLES</b> The isolation/quarantine area must <b>not</b> be in the same stabling area or same airspace as non-isolated horses. It must be separated by at least 50 metres from any flow of horses, whether indoors or outdoors.	Clarification of VRs			X	
The Veterinary Services Manager (VSM) to appoint a Veterinarian in charge of the isolation stables and advise the VD.	Temporary provision			X	

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Disposable boot covers and disposable or washable coveralls, warm water, liquid soap, paper towels, hand sanitiser, etc placed at the entry/exit. Protective gear must be used within each isolation unit and changed between groups of horses within the unit and removed prior to leaving isolation stables. ("Groups" are horses from the same transport.)	Temporary provision		X	X	X
Anyone working in the isolation stables (veterinarians, grooms etc) must not enter any other stabling area without full cleaning and disinfection process.	Clarification of VRs		X	X	X
No unauthorised personnel and no animals (other than the isolated horses) in or near the isolation stables.	Clarification of VRs			X	
Onsite isolation: minimum two individual boxes per 100 horses.	VRs			X	
Provision for isolation overflow site to ensure that if horses transported together need to be isolated at the same time after the examination upon arrival, there is sufficient capacity. Pre-approved external location may be used within 10 km: - Two separate units of four boxes as a minimum for any event with overnight stabling. - For events with more than 400 horses there must be a minimum of four separate units of four boxes.	Temporary provision			X	

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<b>VETERINARY TREATMENT &amp; EADCMP TESTING</b> EADCMP testing to take place in each horse's box. The Testing Veterinarian must wear protective clothing (overall etc) and change this between horses.	Temporary provision			X	
Veterinary treatment may take place in the horse's own box but only under supervision of the VD or an FEI official assigned by the VD.	Temporary provision				<b>VD, FEI Officials</b>
Should treatment boxes/an onsite clinic be used there must be a cleaning and disinfection protocol between horses and records kept of the process.	VRs	To be controlled by VD		X	<b>VD</b>
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<b>WATER/WASHING FACILITIES</b> Ensure there are no common water troughs or that the hose etc. not touch buckets. (Grooms may bring their own hoses if travelling with multiple horses, but these must <b>not</b> be shared with others.)	VRs			X	
Handwashing facilities (with soap/gel, paper towels and disposal unit) clearly signposted.	VRs			X	
Mandatory handwashing/hand disinfection at entry/exit points of stables	VRs			X	

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Readily available disinfection points for spraying equipment, footwear etc.	Temporary provision			X	
<b>PRE-EVENT PREPARATION</b>					
Mandatory negative PCR test for EHV-1 for events/shows with more than 400 horses of any category and overnight stabling.	Temporary provision		X		
Mandatory negative PCR test for EHV-1 for all horses transported by plane to all FEI Events.	Temporary provision		X		
The sample must be taken no earlier than 96 hours before arrival at the event.	Temporary provision		X		
Negative results to be uploaded to FEI HorseApp by the Athlete.	Temporary provision		X		
The horse must be sampled by a licensed veterinarian and the ID of the horse controlled at sampling, and added to the referral of the sample. The FEI ID number of the horse and the time and date of sampling must be indicated in the lab report.	Temporary provision	Presented at the Examination on Arrival on request.	X		
Results accepted only from an external laboratory listed by the FEI. In-house veterinary clinic PCR results will not be accepted.	Temporary provision	FEI to provide a list of laboratories	X		FEI HQ

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No entry to venue for horses that are not in compliance, nor their in-contacts, including horses travelling on the same truck/transport. <i>Recommendation: External stabling facility (not isolation stables), within 50 kilometres, to be identified by OC in advance.</i>	Temporary provision			X	
Sanctions for non-compliance: Elimination from the event and non-compliant horses required to leave the venue. Disqualification of results. Possibility for further disciplinary sanctions.	Temporary provision	Ground Jury			<b>Ground Jury, FEI HQ</b>

## EXAMINATION ON ARRIVAL

<b>Option 1</b> Examination on Arrival takes place <b>outside the secured stable area</b> and is planned to ensure that horses do not come into close contact with others. Can be obtained by timing of arrivals or ensure that a large area is used. External locations may be used.  (This does not apply for events where horses are not stabled overnight.)	Temporary provision			X	
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<p><b>Option 2</b> If no external area is available, horses can be unloaded from transport and examination on arrival (including temperature taking) conducted in the horse's allocated stable in accordance with separate horse arrival procedure flowchart.</p>	Temporary provision	FEI Vets			<b>FEI Vets</b>
Normal procedure: scan of the horse's microchip to confirm ID (using Bluetooth microchip reader & FEI HorseApp); check for any other signs of infectious disease and equine influenza vaccinations, as already indicated by VRs.	VRs	VD or delegated by VD to VSM organisation		<b>X</b>	<b>VD, VSM</b>
Horses with an elevated temperature (over 38.5C) to undergo a specific protocol in compliance with FEI VRs and flow chart.	VRs	Horse's temperature entered in FEI HorseApp by FEI Veterinarian conducting exam.	<b>X</b>		<b>FEI Vets</b>
Athlete/groom to provide a signed FEI self-certification of health status for all of their horses on the event venue, including mandatory temperature monitoring charts for the 10 days leading up to the event.	Temporary provision	Presented on request to the FEI Veterinarian conducting exam.	<b>X</b>		<b>FEI Vets</b>

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Sanctions for non-compliance on self-certification: Fine of CHF 400 per horse.	New Bylaw				Ground Jury, FEI HQ

## ONSITE AT EVENT VENUE

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<p><b>TEMPERATURE TAKING</b></p> <p>Temperatures of horses to be taken twice daily (morning/evening) by athlete/groom and recorded on a clipboard displayed outside the stable of each horse using the FEI temperature recording chart.</p> <p>FEI Officials to check results twice daily.</p> <p>Sanctions for non-compliance.</p>	VRs	Spot checks to be carried out at the request of the VD to control compliance.	X		FEI Officials
Spot checks can include EADCMP sampling outside the event period.	Temporary provision				FEI HQ, Testing Vets

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<p><b>PCR TESTING</b></p> <p>At events where competition takes place over consecutive weeks with horses stabled in the same airspace, the horses must be PCR tested for EHV-1 every Monday in order to remain on venue, regardless of whether they compete or not.</p>	Temporary provision	Sampling by VSM/treating team. Sampling veterinarians are paid by OC. Costs for analysis borne by PR. Costs to be published in Event Schedule.	X	X	
For such events there must be either a laboratory on call (during normal office hours) or an FEI listed stable-side testing unit available for PCR analysis of EHV-1.	Temporary provision			X	
Should any horses leave the venue and return they must comply with the requirements stated above under "PRE-EVENT PREPARATION".	Temporary provision		X		
<p><b>CONTROL OF DOGS</b></p> <p>The current rule (FEI General Regulations, Article 109.13) must be more strictly enforced and sanctions implemented in accordance with FEI Regulations.</p>	FEI GRs		X		Ground Jury, FEI HQ

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<p><b>PERSONNEL</b></p> <p>Restricted stable access. Only essential personnel allowed access to stables areas e.g. those directly involved with horse management. Horse owners are considered essential personnel. Athletes must not permit stable access to anyone other than these essential personnel.</p> <p><i>It is strongly recommended that personnel only access the stable unit where their horses are situated.</i></p>	VRs			X	
All FEI Officials to be instructed by the VD on biosecurity measures with particular focus on veterinary controls, stewarding of nosebands, boot and bandage controls etc.	Temporary provision				<b>FEI Officials</b>
For Shows/Events with more 200 horses requirement for an Additional VD per each additional 200 horses. At such events, the Primary VD must assign one of the additional VDs to oversee biosecurity procedures.	Temporary provision			X	<b>FEI Officials</b>
<b>DEPARTURE FROM EVENT</b>					
Microchip or passport must be scanned using the FEI HorseApp prior to each horse leaving the venue to ensure traceability should an outbreak occur.	Temporary provision	FEI Steward, athlete/groom or OC when giving back the horse passport to the athlete.	X	X	<b>FEI Steward</b>

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<b>JURISDICTION (as approved by FEI Board)</b>					
Possibility for the FEI Secretary General to cancel competitions during an FEI Event if there is an EHV-1 outbreak.	Temporary provision				<b>FEI</b>
To expand the FEI's jurisdiction and to allow the FEI to impose EHV related requirements & restrictions against Athletes, Horses, FEI Officials, OCs at any time, even if an FEI Event is over.	Temporary provision				<b>FEI</b>
If an outbreak is declared by the FEI, all sick and in-contact horses should be under FEI jurisdiction until they are released. The biosecurity measures should include submitting GPS coordinates of the horse's location via the FEI HorseApp > Traceability.	Temporary provision				<b>FEI</b>