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The High Health, High Performance Horse - a new OIE initiative -

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Rationale

- A certain number of sport horses are under close veterinary supervision, governed by FEI¹ and IFHA² rules
- They present a **low health risk**
- They are identified and **traceable**
- Their welfare is essential to their capacity to perform
- They enter countries on a temporary basis for competition purpose only, **not for breeding**



¹FEI = Federation Equestre Internationale

²IFHA = International Federation of Horse racing 



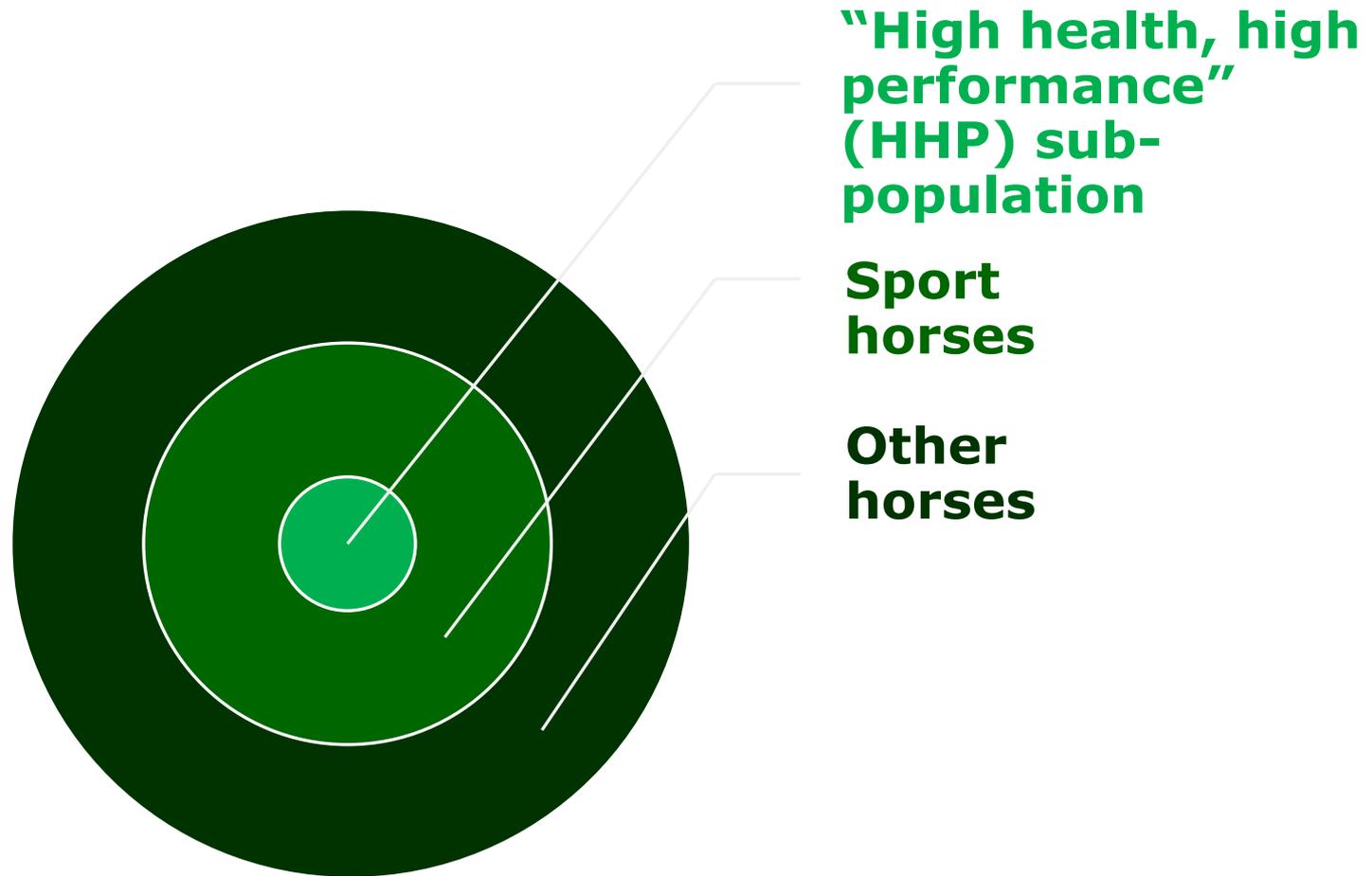
They can be defined as a
SUB-POPULATION
of the global equine population

Proposed name
HHP horse
(High health, high performance horse)





Sub-population





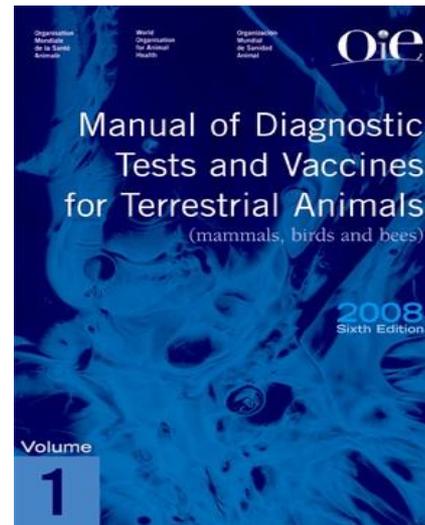
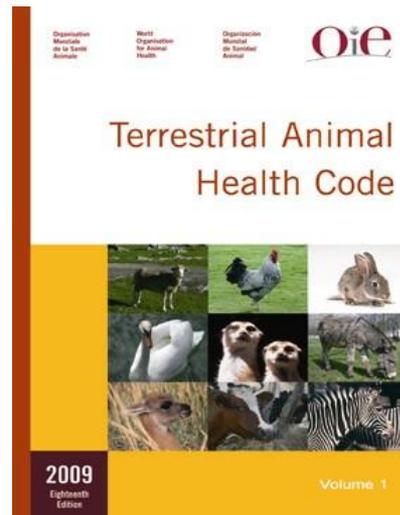
Collaboration with the industry

- MoU between FEI and OIE and IFHA and OIE
- Collaboration Agreement and Grant provided by FEI to the OIE
- Engagement in **Public-Private-Partnership** to address movement constraints:
 - International movement of race and FEI horses within the EU and between EU and selected approved third countries is already facilitated
 - **Challenges exist in countries and regions not governed by these regulations**
- Collaboration with the industry partners addresses these challenges at **global** level





Proposal for the Facilitation of International Competition Horse Movements *based on* **OIE Standards and approaches**

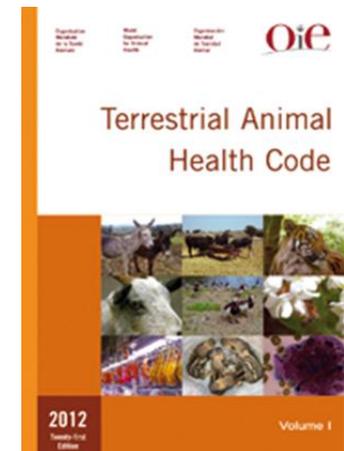


All available at:
www.oie.int



OIE standards and principles

- The OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code lists 11 equine diseases and 5 multiple species diseases*
- Members have reporting obligations!*
- Zoning and Compartmentalisation* are defined in the Code
- Animal identification and traceability described in the Code
- Model Health Certificates
- Quality of Veterinary Services and the PVS Framework





Notifiable diseases

- African Horse Sickness **
- Contagious equine metritis
- Dourine *
- Equine encephalomyelitis
- (Western and Venezuelan *)
- Rabies *, WNF *, VS, JE and Anthrax
- Equine infectious anaemia
- Equine influenza *
- Equine piroplasmosis
- Equine rhinopneumonitis
- Equine viral arteritis
- Glanders *

** - Official disease status; * - Self declaration



Compartmentalisation

- Compartmentalisation - the establishment and maintenance of a **sub-population** of animals with a specified disease free status
 - Based on sound management and biosecurity measures
- Conceptually could be applied to **HHP horse** movements (bubble to bubble movement), if:
 - ID, traceability, management, biosecurity in place
 - If public-private partnership is endorsed



HHP sub-population complies with these principles

Based on **4 pillars**:

1. High Health status: vaccinations, tests, quarantine, health certification
2. Performance
3. Identification and traceability
4. Biosecurity

(biosecurity Guidelines for HHP in view of compartmentalisation principle have been developed)



Expected outcomes

Based on the OIE standards currently under development, importing countries that are hosting international equestrian events or horse races are advised to:

- Develop **temporary** importation requirements
- Reduce the ***Pre-export quarantine*** period to a very minimum, or not request at all
- Recognise the biosecurity level at the venue or race course to be equivalent to ***Post-arrival quarantine*** if biosecurity measures are applied in line with OIE provisions

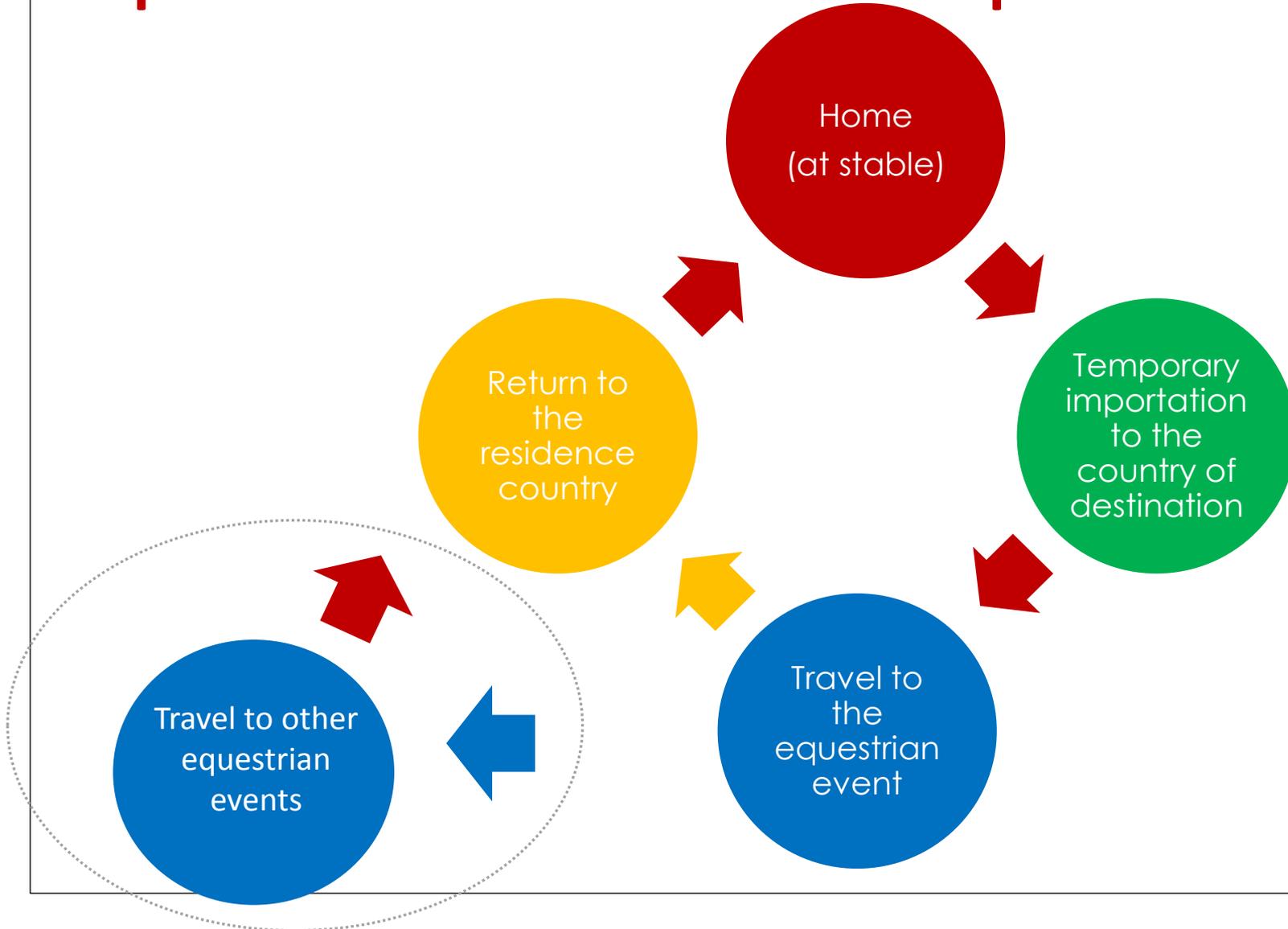


Establish *Equine Disease Free Zones* at the venue where necessary (as done successfully for Asian Games 2010; Sydney Olympics)





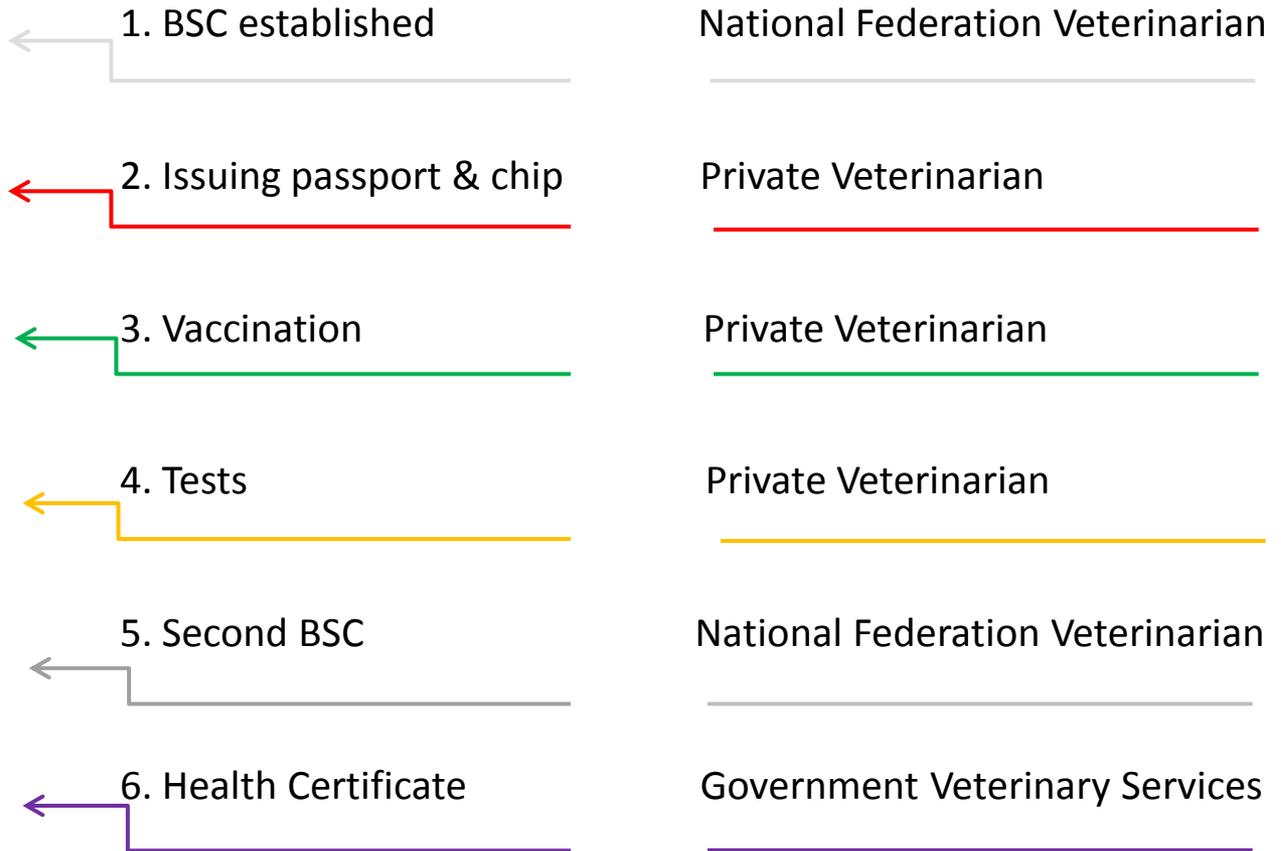
The way forward: operationalisation of the concept





BECOMING AN HHP HORSE

Home
(at stable)



Day of
shipment

Activation of the HHP card in the database



Shipment

BSC Control during transport

Travel

- ✓ Clean disinfected vehicles
- ✓ Person responsible for ensuring BS requirements
- ✓ Individual holdings, cleaned and disinfected
- ✓ Only horses from same health status travel together
- ✓ Vector control



Country of destination

Travel

Venue

Veterinary FEI inspection postarrival

- ✓ Layout of the venue
- ✓ Minimum stabling distance 10 metres
- ✓ Cleaning and sanitisation
- ✓ Separation of horses during the event
- ✓ Control of vehicles within the venue
- ✓ Record keeping
- ✓ Pet animals forbidden





End of the competition

Government Veterinary Inspection

Travel

BS Control during transport



Country of residence



Home

options

Permanent HHP horse

Temporary HHP horse

OPTIONS



Permanent HHP horse

(meet HHP requirements constantly)

Temporary HHP horse

Inactivation of the HHP card

- e.g for:
- Breeding
 - Training
 - Grazing

3 months to reactivate membership

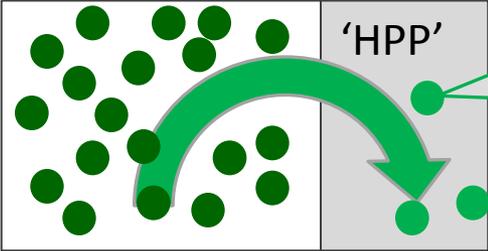


Health safeguards
Vaccination requirements
BS conditions



WORK IN PROGRESS

FEI Database (FEI registrared horses)

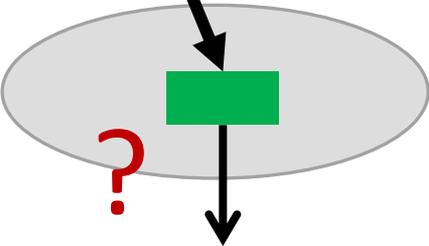


'individual document' that identifies the horse as HPP

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WCO Database



Country 1

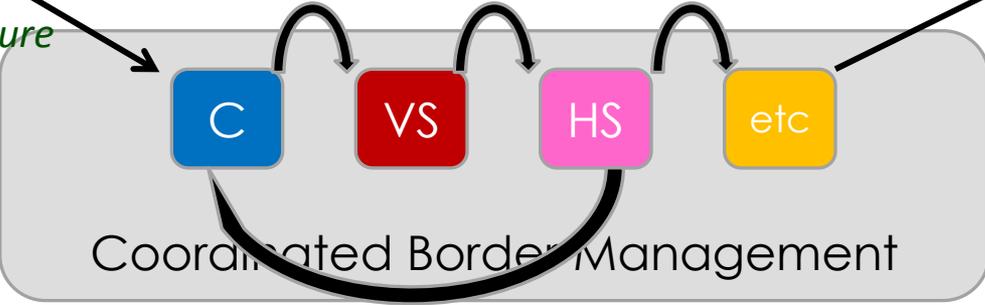


'fast track procedure' for HHP horses



Country 2

'usual' procedure for non HHP horses



Coordinated Border Management



Sensitisation for the concpet

Regional Conferences:

- South America

Forthcoming:

- Regional Conference for Asia (February 2014)
- Regional Conference for the Middle East (March 2014)



Conclusions (general)

- **Regulatory services should work with industry and private clinicians (e.g. IFHA and FEI) through Public-Private Partnerships to implement the HHP concept**
- The development of OIE Standards for HHP horses is building on exist OIE standards and guidelines
- Credible Veterinary Services complying with OIE standards are essential to HHP implementation



Conclusions (specific WCO)

- **Understanding of the HHP horse concept**
- ‘De-materialisation’ of documents
(connectivity/compatibility among databases) for fast-track procedure for HHP horse at borders
- (import fees for temporary movement of HHP horses)



Thank you for your attention

