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 FEI\(^1\) and IFHA\(^2\) 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**

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\(^1\)FEI = Federation Equestre Internationale  
\(^2\)IFHA = 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

“High health, high performance” (HHP) sub-population

Sport horses

Other horses
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

- Home (at stable)
- Temporary importation to the country of destination
- Travel to the equestrian event
- Return to the residence country
- Travel to other equestrian events
BECOMING AN HHP HORSE

Home (at stable)

1. BSC established
   National Federation Veterinarian

2. Issuing passport & chip
   Private Veterinarian

3. Vaccination
   Private Veterinarian

4. Tests
   Private Veterinarian

5. Second BSC
   National Federation Veterinarian

6. Health Certificate
   Government Veterinary Services

Activation of the HHP card in the database

Day of shipment
Shipment

Country of destination

Venue

Travel

BSC Control during transport

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

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
Coordinated Border Management

FEI Database
(FEI registered horses)

HPP

‘individual document’ that identifies the horse as HPP

WCO Database

Country 1
‘fast track procedure’ for HHP horses

Country 2

‘usual’ procedure for non HHP horses

Coordinated Border Management

C, VS, HS, etc.
Sensitisation for the concept

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