



Dear Permitted Treating Veterinarian,

The FEI Veterinary Department would like to update you with some information relevant to your role as Permitted Treating Veterinarian.

## 1. 2018 Veterinary Regulations

After approval by the General Assembly, the 2018 Veterinary Regulations have been posted on the [FEI website](#) along with a Memo resuming the principle modifications.

We urge you to consult the 2018 Veterinary Regulations as there are additional modifications that could impact your role as Permitted Treating Veterinarian.

Please note below the principle modifications:

### **Appointment of veterinarians**

The Holding Box Veterinarian must be a member of the Veterinary Commission where applicable or appointed by the Veterinary Delegate in conjunction with the Veterinary Services Manager. The Holding Box Veterinarian must only provide clinical information and not their opinion on the horse's fitness to compete.

At events where advisors to the Veterinary Services Manager are required, the advisor will be appointed within specific timeframes according to the type of event. Athlete's Private Veterinarians will now be asked to submit their details and details of the horses under their care, before entering the secured stable area.

### **Treatment of horses at FEI Events**

Horses will no longer be treated by injection with any substance prior to competition **on the day** in which they compete. Please kindly note for clarification that horses can still be treated at events after they have competed. An exception will be granted for classes starting at 1800hrs or later.

Veterinary Forms 2 and 4 will no longer be in use. Although it will still be possible to use substances previously recorded on these forms, their use will no longer have to be declared. Veterinary Forms 1 and 3 will remain in use and be renamed to Veterinary Forms A and B respectively.

Copies of Veterinary Forms that have been signed by the Veterinary Delegate and Ground Jury will only be provided to the PTV administering the treatment. Medication logbooks must not be kept in the horse's passport or handed to the Veterinary Delegate at events.

In addition to changes in the treatment of horses at events, vaccines must not be given to horses at events and it will no longer be necessary to record the use of GnRH vaccines.

Clarification has been given to the sanctions PTVs may receive for treating horses outside of designated treatment boxes without VD permission and failure to submit Veterinary Forms.

Clarification has been provided regarding the use of supportive therapies at FEI events. Supportive therapies e.g. manual therapies and the use of therapeutic machines have been categorized into Non-Restricted and Restricted Therapies. A new category of personnel known as 'Permitted Equine Therapists' will be permitted to carry out restricted therapies in which they are trained and must work under the supervision of a PTV.

An online registration process is currently under development and the FEI Veterinary Department will send a further communication regarding registrations in the coming months. In view of the time required to develop the system and process applications, the statuses of Permitted Equine Therapists working at events will be regulated from 1 July 2018 onwards. All other regulations relating to the use of supportive therapies will be implemented on 1 January 2018.

## **2. Status Review**

Permitted Treating Veterinarians who fail to retake the required PTV online exam every 4 years will have their function suspended and will not be able to officiate at FEI events until they satisfy this requirement. As from, 4 December 2017, the PTV online exam is based on the 2018 Veterinary Regulations.

The National Federations will receive their list of FEI Veterinarians with all details and explanations concerning the requirements to maintain their status.

## **3. Equine Prohibited Substances List**

The Equine Prohibited Substances List (EPSL) is reviewed on an annual basis. Changes to the EPSL will come into effect on 1 January 2018 and can be viewed [here](#). It is possible for any member of the equestrian community to propose changes to the EPSL. If you would like to submit a proposal to the FEI List Group, please complete and submit the [form](#) before 15 March 2018.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuous support and collaboration in delivering successful equestrian events that comply with our core values, Rules and Regulations.

We wish you all a Happy and Successful New Year 2018!



The Veterinary Department is available should you require any further information or assistance.

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