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| <b>Committee name</b> | <b>Veterinary Committee</b> |
| <b>Date</b>           | 22.10.2020                  |
| <b>Chair</b>          | Jenny Hall                  |

| <b>Committee Report</b>                        |  |
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| <b>24.1 Report of the Veterinary Committee</b> |  |
|  | <p><b>Meetings</b></p> <p>The Veterinary Committee has had one in-person meeting and a series of four WEBEX meetings.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Veterinary Regulations</b></p> <p>Further to the last year's full revision of the Pony Measuring Chapter and the introduction of a new Pony Measuring System minor changes are being proposed to improve the new system. Changes are also being proposed to match the changes in the FEI Veterinary Education System that was adopted last year. The Veterinary Committee proposes a ban for removal of sensory hairs except for veterinary purposes. The Veterinary Committee, supported by the List Group and Lab Group proposes that both blood and urine can be used for Elective Testing. Other changes are proposed to ensure harmonization with the sports discipline rules and the revised Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Rules.</p> |
|  | <p><b>Elective Testing</b></p> <p>Further to the rule change to allow both urine and blood for Elective Testing, the list of Elective Substances List is extended to include all Controlled Medications.</p>   |
|  | <p><b>Education</b></p> <p>The Veterinary Department has further improved the Education System in order to simplify and minimize bureaucracy for Veterinary Officials, National Federations and the Veterinary Department. Online education is being prepared for certain categories of veterinarians with priority on Permitted Treating Veterinarians and Veterinary Services Managers. A course for Level 4 Official Veterinarians is being prepared.</p>   |
|  | <p><b>Biosecurity</b></p> <p>A large number of outbreaks of African Horse Sickness have occurred in Thailand during the year with one related outbreak in Malaysia. The Veterinary Department has in cooperation with the FEI Group VIII Chair, the OIE and Hong Kong Jockey Club supported the Thailand Equestrian Federation, Thailand's veterinary authority and other National Federations in FEI Group VIII with advice, networking and advocacy.</p>   |

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|  | <b>Tack and equipment</b>   |
|  | The Veterinary Committee strongly supports the introduction of the Tack Group. The Veterinary Department has had an active role as liaison with leading veterinary experts within the field.  |
|  | <b>Pony Measuring</b>   |
|  | The new Pony Measuring system has been successfully implemented in EEF in cooperation with National Federations of EEF. The number of Measuring Sessions has been affected by Covid-19 restrictions but this has not impacted on events or Pony Riders' possibility to compete. |
|  | <b>Safe, biosecure and secure stables</b>   |
|  | The Veterinary Department has initiated a project to ensure a high level of safety, stable security and biosecurity for horses stabled at FEI Events. The project will be linked to a Jumping Department project on venue requirements.   |

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|  | <p><b>International Movement of Horses</b></p> <p>The International Horse Sport Confederation (IHSC), together with the International Thoroughbred Breeders' Federation, European Federation of Thoroughbred Breeders Associations and the European Equestrian Federation has formed the IHSC Taskforce for Brexit and EU Animal Health Law chaired by the FEI Veterinary Director. The primary role of the Taskforce is to analyze the impact of proposed and expected changes and to devise and present solutions and models which would facilitate movement of Thoroughbreds and Sport Horses (Competition, Training and Breeding Animals) across the EU and in particular between the EU and the United Kingdom post Brexit and the implementation of the EU AHL. The task force has addressed Brexit negotiators on both sides, ministries and EU officials with proposed solutions that include the introduction of digital passports (not replacing but in parallel with physical passports), same health status for horses in EU and United Kingdom and maintained tariffs for horses.</p> <p>The IHSC has continued to support the development of a traceable inactivated vaccine against African Horse Sickness.</p> <p>Within the context of the Public-Private Partnership between the IHSC Confederation and the World Animal Health Organisation, OIE the following has been accomplished:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Follow up on previous Workshops for Temporary Regional Movement of Sport Horses with OIE.</li> <li>- Planning of a project for a harmonized health certificate for FEI Group VI. The start of the project has been delayed due to Covid-19.</li> <li>- Revision of the OIE Code Chapters for Equine Piroplasmiasis, Contagious Endometritis (CEM) and Trypanosomas.</li> </ul> |
|  | <p><b>Limb Sensitivity</b></p> <p>JUMPING – No testing has been conducted due to Covid-19 travel restrictions.</p> <p>ENDURANCE – Further to the field tests the FEI Hyposensitivity Control System was introduced at events and proven functional. No testing has been carried out since early spring due to Covid-19.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Global Endurance/Eventing Injury Study (GEIS)</b></p> <p>The agreement is being relocated from Glasgow University to Bristol Veterinary School. The studies continues on Endurance, Eventing and now also Jumping.</p>   |