

**PROPOSALS FOR 2020 MODIFICATIONS TO THE  
VETERINARY REGULATIONS**

26 October 2020

Dear National Federations,

Please find below a summary of the proposed changes to the Veterinary Regulations together with the corresponding explanations, the comments received as well as the reasoning for accepting or not accepting each comment.

In the following document you will find 2 sections as follows:

- A. [Proposed Rules changes to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020](#); and**
- B. [Proposed Rules changes that have been rejected or deferred to a future Rules revision.](#)**

The proposed change will be submitted for voting at the FEI General Assembly 2020.

Sincerely,



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Veterinary Director

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## A. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES TO BE VOTED AT THE FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2020

### 1. Prohibition of clipping/shaving sensory hairs (Proposal from FEI)

Article No. 1004 – Prohibited Methods
Explanation for Proposed Change
The Veterinary Committee believes that the horse's sensory hairs must not be trimmed or removed as it reduces the horse's sensory ability. The change will align with legislation in a number of NFs where trimming or removal of sensory hairs is forbidden and in some cases carries a heavy sanction.
Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020
<p>1. Horses are not permitted to compete in FEI Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) with hyposensitive or hypersensitive areas of the body;</li> <li>b) with a tracheotomy/tracheostomy (i.e. an existing surgical opening through the skin into the trachea);</li> <li>c) following gene doping (i.e. the non-therapeutic use of cells, genes, genetic elements or the modulation of gene expression having the capacity to improve performance);</li> <li>d) following any form of genetic modification;</li> <li>e) following blood doping, or similar methods (e.g. ozone haemotherapy),</li> <li>f) with any object that punctures the skin with the exception of wound closure materials;</li> <li>g) wearing contact lenses unless permission has been granted from the FEI Veterinary Department;</li> <li><u>h) if the hair on their limbs has been clipped and/or shaven at any point during the Period of the Event. Permission must be granted from the VC/VD by the PTV for clipping and/or shaving required for veterinary purposes, prior to any investigation or treatment taking place. Horses' limbs may be clipped up to 3 days before the Period of the Event using a blade that cuts the hairs no shorter than 2mm; and</u></li> <li><u>h)i) if the Horse's sensory hairs have been clipped and/or shaven or in any other way removed unless individual sensory hairs have been removed by a veterinarian to prevent pain or discomfort for the Horse. Areas of hair that must be clipped, shaven or removed to allow veterinary treatment are exempt from this rule. As of 1 July 2021, Sanction 39 in Annex VI will be applicable.</u></li> </ul>
Comments received by 31 August 2020
<p><b>GER:</b> Clipping or shaving of sensory hairs is forbidden in Germany as well, therefore this addition is very welcome. This rule should – like in Germany - also apply to the hair inside the horse's ears, which is part of an organ as well and have a protective function. Clipping the hair that is protruding the ear conch is permitted. We propose the following wording:</p> <p>1. Horses are not permitted to compete in FEI events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) if the Horse's sensory hairs <u>or the hairs inside the ears</u> have been clipped (...)</li> </ul> <p><b>USA:</b> While there has been an addition to the Glossary regarding Sensory Hairs, there is still a great deal of subjectivity which could lead to irregular enforcement at different competitions. Since clipping the sensory hairs results in disqualification, is it to be</p>

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understood that ANY trimming or shortening of these hairs would cause disqualification? Clipped "at all" or clipped down to skin level? It should be considered that when sensory hairs around the eye are left at full natural length, they can become tangled or trapped in the blinkers (blinders) of the driving bridle and potentially cause discomfort. Is there any consideration for whether this has been done at the Event vs away from the Event?

We recommend removing these changes and addressing when the complete review of the FEI Veterinary Rules will be conducted. This would allow for more input to be gathered from veterinarians and professional horsemen. It is too subjective at this point and could provide difficulty in enforcement.

**FEI feedback**

The Veterinary Committee believes that the proposed wording should remain as presented. Hairs in the horse's ears are not considered to be sensory hairs and there is no perceived problem of sensory hairs around the eyes being trapped in blinkers of driving horses.

**Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020**

Proposal stays as above.

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**2. Treatment Boxes access (Proposal from FEI)**

Article No. 1008 – Stables
Explanation for Proposed Change
A clarification of the intention of the rule is required. Treatment boxes are a required facility to support the welfare of the horse and should be available free of charge.
Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020
3. A minimum of two clean stables of at least 3x3m, labelled as 'Treatment Boxes'. They must be provided in an easily accessible location and separated with a solid partition from individual stables or be located in a veterinary treatment centre. The number of Treatment Boxes must be determined by the VD and VSM, based on the number of entries and the Discipline in question. Additional Treatment Boxes may be requested by FEI Veterinary Department. Treatment Boxes must be easy to clean, available at all times when the stables are open and must not be used for EADCM sampling. <u>OCs must have a minimum of two Treatment Boxes available free of charge but may charge a fee for access to more advanced/equipped veterinary facilities e.g. stocks, radiography room.</u>
Comments received by 31 August 2020
No comments were received.
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020
Proposal stays as above.

**3. Stabling Requirements (Proposal from FEI)**

Article No. 1008 – Stables
Explanation for Proposed Change

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A clarification has been made to the existing wording to accurately reflect the intention of the rule.

#### Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

#### Comments received by 31 August 2020

N/A

#### FEI feedback

N/A

#### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

10. All Events must comply with the following stabling requirements except for ~~1-day~~ Events held over 1 day in all Disciplines and CEI\* and CEI2\* Events
- a) a designated stables area must be provided for Horses within the Event venue and must be demarcated as determined by the VC/ VD;
  - b) the designated stables area will be subject to 24 hour supervision by Stewards;
  - c) only authorised persons authorised, as described in Article 1009, are allowed within the stables area.

#### 4. Minimum length of Horse Inspection tracks (Proposal from FEI)

##### Article No. 1011 – Horse Inspection Area

##### Explanation for Proposed Change

The length of the Horse Inspection track has been revised and clarified for indoor events. It is difficult for the veterinarian to properly evaluate the horse's fitness to compete on a very short Horse Inspection track.

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2. OCs, with the Technical Delegate and VSM, must provide a Horse Inspection area that includes:
- a) a minimum of 30 metres of surface on which Horses will be inspected at walk and trot. Under exceptional circumstances, where the Horse inspection is held indoors, the Horse Inspection surface may be shortened to no less than 20-25m. A shorter distance may be acceptable for indoor Horse Inspections subject to prior VC/ VD, GJ and TD (where present) approval;
  - b) the surface must be maintained as firm, level, clean and non-slippery for the entire period of the Horse Inspection to provide a consistent evaluation of the Horses' fitness to compete;
  - c) a barrier must be placed between the Horse Inspection area and the public;
  - d) the collecting area should be located at a safe distance from the inspection site and of sufficient size for the type of competition and the number of Horses presenting;
  - e) the Holding Box area must be a separate fenced off area, located close to the Horse Inspection area and where possible out of sight of the main Horse Inspection area; the Holding Box surface must be similar to the surface of the main inspection track;
  - f) effort must be made to ensure spectator, Athlete and Horse safety, ensuring a safe distance between all spectators and Horses; and
  - g) strict stewarding is required during the Horse Inspections, especially in the collecting area, to ensure the safety of all participants. The area must be stewarded so that Horses are ready for inspection at the scheduled time and quickly led away afterwards.

#### Comments received by 31 August 2020

**GER:** The minimum length of the horse inspection surface should be fixed: no less than 25m. We propose the following wording:

'(...) the Horse Inspection surface may be shortened to no less than ~~20~~ 25 m'

#### FEI feedback

The Veterinary Committee is in agreement with the feedback provided by GER and their proposal will be adopted.

#### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

3. OCs, with the Technical Delegate and VSM, must provide a Horse Inspection area that includes:
- a) a minimum of 30 metres of surface on which Horses will be inspected at walk and trot. Under exceptional circumstances, where the Horse inspection is held indoors, the Horse Inspection surface may be shortened to no less than 25m. A shorter distance may be acceptable for indoor Horse Inspections subject to prior VC/ VD, GJ and TD (where present) approval;

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- b) the surface must be maintained as firm, level, clean and non-slippery for the entire period of the Horse Inspection to provide a consistent evaluation of the Horses' fitness to compete;
- c) a barrier must be placed between the Horse Inspection area and the public;
- d) the collecting area should be located at a safe distance from the inspection site and of sufficient size for the type of competition and the number of Horses presenting;
- e) the Holding Box area must be a separate fenced off area, located close to the Horse Inspection area and where possible out of sight of the main Horse Inspection area; the Holding Box surface must be similar to the surface of the main inspection track;
- f) effort must be made to ensure spectator, Athlete and Horse safety, ensuring a safe distance between all spectators and Horses; and
- g) strict stewarding is required during the Horse Inspections, especially in the collecting area, to ensure the safety of all participants. The area must be stewarded so that Horses are ready for inspection at the scheduled time and quickly led away afterwards.

## 5. Accreditation control (Proposal from FEI)

Article No. 1020 – Stables Area
Explanation for Proposed Change
The proposed change is required to clarify that accreditation can only be checked where stable security is required and is not applicable to stables where security is not required.
Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020
At each entrance to the stables area <u>where stable security is required</u> , the accreditation of persons entering and leaving must be checked.
Comments received by 31 August 2020
No comments received.
FEI feedback

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N/A

**Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020**

Proposal stays as above.

**6. Harmonisation of HI timings (Proposal from FEI)****Article No. 1035 – Horse Inspection Timings****Explanation for Proposed Change**

The changes to text are being made to align with terminology used in the Endurance and Eventing rules and a clarification being made to the Eventing rules.

**Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020**

<b><u>DISCIPLINE</u></b>	<b><u>FIRST HORSE INSPECTION</u></b>	<b><u>ADDITIONAL</u></b>
i. <b>Dressage and Para-Equestrian Dressage</b>	Within 24 hours of the start of the first competition	<b>Second Horse Inspection:</b> takes place at Championships and Games, within 24 hours of the start of the last competition
ii. <b>Driving</b>	Within 24 hours of the start of first competition	<b>In Harness Horse Inspection:</b> within the 10 minute rest period prior to the start of section B in the marathon.  <b>In Harness Examination:</b> at the finish of Section B of Marathon.  <b>In Harness inspection before Cones:</b> before the Cones (only when Cones follow Marathon).
iii. <b>Endurance</b>	For CEI1* and CEI2* Events: Within 24 hours before the <del>competition starts.</del> <u>of the first loop</u> For CEI3* Events and	<b>Vet Gate Inspection:</b> at the end of each phase  <b>Final Horse Inspection:</b> at the end of the competition.



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		above, including Championships: no less than 12 hours before and no longer than 24hrs before the <u>Competition starts of the first loop</u>	
iv.	<b>Eventing (CCI-L)</b>	Within 24 hours of the start of first competition	<b>Veterinary examination:</b> after Cross country  <b>Second Horse Inspection:</b> <u>takes place on the same day as the Jumping Test</u> , before the start of the Jumping Test
v.	<b>Eventing (CCI-S)</b>	The First Horse Inspection is optional however where organised, takes place within 24 hours of the first competition	<b>Second Horse Inspection:</b> must take place where the Jumping Test is the last test, <u>on the same day as the Jumping Test, before the start of the Jumping Test.</u>
vi.	<b>Jumping</b>	Within 24 hours of the start of first competition	<b>Second Horse Inspection:</b> before the start of the final Competition at FEI World Cup™ Finals, World, Continental Championships and Olympic Games.
vii.	<b>Reining</b>	Within 24 hours of the start of first competition	None
viii.	<b>Vaulting</b>	Within 24 hours of the start of first competition or official training, whichever is the earliest	None
<b>Comments received by 31 August 2020</b>			
No comments received.			
<b>FEI feedback</b>			

N/A

**Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020**

Proposal stays as above.

**7. Harmonisation with Eventing rules (Proposal from FEI)****Article No. 1044 – Eventing****Explanation for Proposed Change**

A correction to the text has been made to align with the Eventing Rules.

**Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020**

An Athlete who has retired, been eliminated or stopped during the Cross Country Test ~~is~~ must ensure his Horse has been checked by the VD or an appointed TV before leaving the venue. Any Athlete who leaves the venue without presenting his Horse to this veterinary check will automatically be issued with an Eventing Recorded Warning ~~a Yellow Warning Card for incorrect behaviour,~~ via his or her National Federation.

**Comments received by 31 August 2020**

No comments received.

**FEI feedback**

N/A

**Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020**

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Proposal stays as above.

## 8. Changes to ensure harmonisation with Endurance rules (Proposal from FEI)

### Article No. 1045 – Endurance

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

Paragraph 2: A correction has been made to the text in to align with the Endurance Rules

Paragraph 14: A modification has been made to align with the proposed change to the Endurance Rules

Paragraph 15: A correction has been made to the text in to align with the Endurance Rules

Paragraph 16: A correction has been made to address an inconsistency in the text

#### Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

2. At CEI 1\* and Regional Championships, the President of the Veterinary Commission will also be responsible for the duties normally undertaken by a Foreign Veterinary Delegate.

14. To safeguard the welfare of the Horses and the safety of the Athletes, the President of the Ground Jury (in consultation with and based on advice from the President of the Veterinary Commission, the Foreign Veterinary Delegate, Ground Jury members and the Technical Delegate) may prior to or during an Event:

- a) ~~reduce~~modify the maximum heart rate parameters;
- b) ~~shorten~~modify the presentation times at Vet Gates; and/or
- c) ~~increase~~modify the Hold Times.

Modifications to the above parameters must be announced to all Athletes and/or Chefs d'Equipe before the start of the Loop concerned

Throughout the Competition, the President of the Ground Jury, the Veterinary Commission, the Foreign Veterinary Delegate, the Ground Jury members and the Technical Delegate must monitor the ride conditions (including any extreme weather conditions or other exceptional circumstances) and the number of Horses that Fail to Qualify at each inspection. It is their responsibility to make changes to the inspection parameters to protect the Horses.

If parameters are reduced/shortened as set out above, then references to higher maximum parameters under these Veterinary Rules will be replaced accordingly.

15. To ensure that Horses have adequate rest between travel and Competition, and to ensure adequate veterinary supervision before and after a ride, at all CEI 2\*, CEI 3\*, and Championships, subject to the discretion of the Veterinary Commission, all

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competing Horses must remain in the stable area at the Event under veterinary supervision (by the President of the Veterinary Commission, the Foreign Veterinary Delegate, a member of the Veterinary Commission, and/or a Treating Veterinarian) for (i) a minimum of eight hours before the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection (subject to published closing times for the stables), and (ii) a minimum of eight hours after the Horse scheduled finishes ~~for~~ the Competition.

If a Horse has not completed all Phases of the Competition, the President of the Veterinary Commission, Foreign Veterinary Delegate and President of the Ground Jury may authorise the release of a Horse at an earlier time.

16. The President of the Veterinary Commission or Foreign Veterinary Delegate are required to ensure that the designated Veterinary Services Manager has provided for appropriate aftercare and veterinary services as described in Article 1007. For Championships, triage and emergency treatment facilities must be provided on site, and arrangements must also be made with a designated referral centre to refer Horses for further assessment and treatment if necessary. Such arrangements must be clearly written in the Competition Schedule and approved by the Technical Delegate in collaboration with the President of the Veterinary Commission and Foreign Veterinary Delegate prior to the Examination on Arrival.

#### Comments received by 31 August 2020

**GER:** We cannot find the proposed change in the Endurance Rules that are referred to. In the current set of rule proposals of 13 July 2020, there is no such proposed modification to Article 816.9.2.

To use the word "modify" leaves more options, but could likewise be a modification to the worse. It seems OK for b) and for c), but why does a) have to be altered from "reduce" to "modify" the maximum heart rate parameters? Then the allowed heart rates could be raised. We propose the following wording:

- 14.(...) the President of the Ground Jury (...) may prior or during an Event:  
a) reduce ~~modify~~ the maximum heart rate parameters

#### FEI feedback

No change will be made to the original wording in paragraph 14 in the interests of equine welfare and to prevent confusion.

#### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

2. At CEI 1\* and Regional Championships, the President of the Veterinary Commission will also be responsible for the duties normally undertaken by a Foreign Veterinary Delegate.
14. To safeguard the welfare of the Horses and the safety of the Athletes, the President of the Ground Jury (in consultation with and based on advice from the President of the Veterinary Commission, the Foreign Veterinary Delegate, Ground Jury members and the Technical Delegate) may prior to or during an Event:
- d) reduce the maximum heart rate parameters;

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- e) shorten the presentation times at Vet Gates; and/or
- f) increase the Hold Times.

Modifications to the above parameters must be announced to all Athletes and/or Chefs d'Equipe before the start of the Loop concerned

Throughout the Competition, the President of the Ground Jury, the Veterinary Commission, the Foreign Veterinary Delegate, the Ground Jury members and the Technical Delegate must monitor the ride conditions (including any extreme weather conditions or other exceptional circumstances) and the number of Horses that Fail to Qualify at each inspection. It is their responsibility to make changes to the inspection parameters to protect the Horses.

If parameters are reduced/shortened as set out above, then references to higher maximum parameters under these Veterinary Rules will be replaced accordingly.

15. To ensure that Horses have adequate rest between travel and Competition, and to ensure adequate veterinary supervision before and after a ride, at all CEI 2\*, CEI 3\*, and Championships, subject to the discretion of the Veterinary Commission, all competing Horses must remain in the stable area at the Event under veterinary supervision (by the President of the Veterinary Commission, the Foreign Veterinary Delegate, a member of the Veterinary Commission, and/or a Treating Veterinarian) for (i) a minimum of eight hours before the First (Pre-Ride) Inspection (subject to published closing times for the stables), and (ii) a minimum of eight hours after the Horse scheduled finishes ~~for~~ the Competition.

If a Horse has not completed all Phases of the Competition, the President of the Veterinary Commission, Foreign Veterinary Delegate and President of the Ground Jury may authorise the release of a Horse at an earlier time.

16. The President of the Veterinary Commission or Foreign Veterinary Delegate are required to ensure that the designated Veterinary Services Manager has provided for appropriate aftercare and veterinary services as described in Article 1007. For Championships, triage and emergency treatment facilities must be provided on site, and arrangements must also be made with a designated referral centre to refer Horses for further assessment and treatment if necessary. Such arrangements must be clearly written in the Competition Schedule and approved by the Technical Delegate in collaboration with the President of the Veterinary Commission and Foreign Veterinary Delegate prior to the Examination on Arrival.

## 9. Submission of blood for Elective Testing (Proposal from FEI)

### Article No. 1058 – Elective Testing

### Explanation for Proposed Change

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The FEI would like to provide a wider scope for Elective Testing by allowing PRs to submit blood samples, as well as urine samples. In addition and as agreed as part of the FEI Sports Forum material, the Elective Testing Substances List will now include all Controlled Medication listed on the Equine Prohibited Substances List and will no longer be restricted to a short list of substances. We realised that not only the Elective Testing Form and related information published on the FEI Website needed to be updated, but also article 1058 of the VRs. It is also suggested to remove the definition of "Elective Testing" from the EADCMRs (as the only reference to Elective Testing in the EADCMRs was the definition).

**Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020**

N/A

**Comments received by 31 August 2020**

N/A

**FEI feedback**

N/A

**Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020**

1. The PR or their representative may elect to have an FEI registered Horse's blood and/or urine tested for a maximum of four ~~Controlled Medication Substances~~. Only ~~those~~ substances included on the FEI Elective Testing Substances List ~~are available for testing~~ under the Elective Testing protocol.

**10. Use of fluids in Endurance events (Proposal from FEI)**
**Article No. 1062 – Treatments with Non-Oral Medication and Therapies not included on the EPSL**
**Explanation for Proposed Change**

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The term 'start of the ride' could be misunderstood leading to incorrect interpretation of the rule. A change to the text is proposed to align with terminology used in the Endurance rules.

#### Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

4. A minimum of 10 litres of rehydration fluids may be requested for intravenous (IV) use. The VC/VD must assess the climatic conditions and/or the Horse's clinical condition prior to authorisation.
- a) For Eventing, intravenous (IV) and naso-gastric fluids must not be administered within 12 hours before the start of the cross-country phase; and
  - b) for Endurance, intravenous (IV) and naso-gastric fluids must not be administered within ~~128~~ hours of the First Horse Inspection before the start of the endurance ride and not between the First Horse Inspection and the start of the first loop of the Competition, or between any phases of the competition.

#### Comments received by 31 August 2020

No comments received.

#### FEI feedback

N/A

#### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

Proposal stays as above.

## 11. Prohibition of blistering and/or firing (Proposal from FEI)

### Article No. 1063 – Prohibited Treatments

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

A prohibited treatment has been added to the article to maximise the welfare of horses competing in FEI events. A definition of blistering has been added to the glossary to support the addition.

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**Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020**

1. The use of Banned Substances is always strictly prohibited.
2. The intra-articular administration of any medication is prohibited during FEI Events.
3. The use of per rectum treatments is prohibited during FEI Events.
4. The use of oxygen therapy is prohibited during FEI Events.
- ~~4.5. Recent blistering and/or firing resulting in evidence of inflammation or hypersensitivity is prohibited.~~
- ~~5.6. Horses are not permitted to compete after having undergone prohibited methods as described in Article 1004.~~

**Comments received by 31 August 2020**

**GER:** These methods should be questioned in general with regard to animal welfare and their legitimate use as a "treatment option". Blistering with the intention of hypersensitization is Doping. We suggest deleting the word 'recent'.

**FEI feedback**

The Veterinary Committee wish to keep the proposed text since the blistering or firing may have taken place a long time ago whilst the horse was under the care of a previous owner.

**Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020**

Proposal stays as above.

## 12. Prohibition of photography and filming during sample collection (Proposal from FEI)

**Article No. 1068 – Sampling****Explanation for Proposed Change**

The addition is being made to align with WADA rules.

**Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020**



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1. The EADCMP is administered by the FEI Veterinary Department who selects the FEI Events at which sampling will take place, appoints the Testing Veterinarians and decides the number of Horses to be tested.
2. Targeted sampling may take place at other FEI Events, when necessary.
3. Sampling may take place at any FEI Event.
4. Sampling is carried out by the appointed Testing Veterinarian, or VD in the absence of a Testing Veterinarian, who may be assisted by a Testing Technician(s). The Testing Veterinarian or VD is ultimately held responsible for sampling at FEI Events.
5. Sampling must be carried out in the designated Testing Box, however the Testing Veterinarian or VD may approve to have Horses tested in their own stable in exceptional circumstances.
6. The PR is responsible for the Horse at all times.
7. Evading, refusing or failing to submit to sample collection is a violation of the EADCMRs Article 2.3.
8. Photographs and films must not be taken during sample collection, unless authorised by the Veterinary Department.

#### Comments received by 31 August 2020

**GER:** WADA probably does this to protect Human Athletes from “abuse”. This is not relevant for horses; why take away the right of photo from Athletes?

**USA:** While it is understood that this addition is intended to align with WADA regarding recording of the testing process, it is important to understand the differences in the processes and the purpose behind the prohibition. If, under WADA, the prohibition is due to the protection of the athlete’s decency, then this addition is not warranted as it would not exploit a horse to have the process documented. If the purpose of the WADA prohibition is to protect against challenges to the process, there may be a difference of opinion. In the equine world, not so much the collection process but the environment used for the sample collections could be suspect and not up to required standards set by the EADCMRs. It should be that documentation of subpar testing stalls, etc. be permitted for the sake of clarity and transparency.

We propose the following alternative wording:

‘the Person Responsible or their designee may photograph or record any action which in their opinion deviates from the EADCMRs and/or the Veterinary Regulations.’

#### FEI feedback

The FEI believes sample collection to be a sensitive matter in which confidentiality must be prioritised. Allowing photos or film to be taken risks footage being posted on social media which may reveal confidential information such as sampling numbers and is not appropriate for use in challenging the sampling procedure. Any issues regarding the sampling procedure must be raised at the time with the Testing Veterinarian and recorded on the EADCM Sampling Form.

#### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

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Proposal stays as above.

### 13. Targeted Sampling in the event of rider fatality (Proposal from FEI)

#### Article No. 1069 – Selection of Horses

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

The addition has been made to support the investigation of a rider fatality. Its inclusion has been requested the FEI Veterinary Committee and the Risk Management Steering Group.

#### Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

1. Three methods for the selection of Horses may be used:

a) **Obligatory sampling:**

During Olympic Games and World Equestrian Games, Horses must be sampled as follows:

- i. in all Final Competitions for Individuals, the first 3 placed Horses; and
- ii. in all Team Competitions, 1 Horse from each of the first 3 placed Teams.

b) **Targeted sampling:**

When a specific reason or circumstances warrants that a particular Horse be selected for sampling. The reason for sampling the Horse must be listed in the online Veterinary Report or Testing Veterinarians Report. Targeted sampling must take place in the event of a rider fatality.

c) **Random sampling:**

Horses may be randomly selected for sampling at any time, as agreed by the GJ, VC/VD and Testing Veterinarian in accordance with the FEI Testing Manual.

#### Comments received by 31 August 2020

No comments received.

#### FEI feedback

N/A

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**Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020**

Proposal stays as above.

**14. Clarification of diagnostic testing for infectious disease (Proposal from FEI)****Article No. 1078 – Infectious Disease****Explanation for Proposed Change**

The term 'relevant' has been added to the paragraph 2 of this article to ensure that unnecessary diagnostic tests are not carried out, given that the tests are carried out at the expense of the PR.

**Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020**

2. Horse(s) developing clinical signs of infectious disease must immediately be sent to the isolation stables and strict biosecurity measures must be implemented. Any relevant diagnostic test(s) required to establish the cause of the disease, as recommended by the VSM or PTV and agreed with the VD must be carried out at the expense of the PR. Details of the test(s) carried out and result must be reported to the VD and FEI Veterinary Department.

**Comments received by 31 August 2020**

No comments received.

**FEI feedback**

N/A

**Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020**

Proposal stays as above.

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**15. Correction regarding the height of ponies (Proposal from FEI)****Article No. 1082 – Regulatory Height****Explanation for Proposed Change**

Text regarding the height of ponies has been moved from paragraph 3 to paragraph 1 to make a correction to the Veterinary Regulations.

A paragraph has been added to the article regarding driving ponies. This is repetition of the text from the Driving Rules and has been added for clarity and completeness.

**Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020**

1. Ponies' regulatory height at the withers must not exceed:

- 148.0cm without shoes (any measurement between 148.1cm and 148.9cm will be rounded down to 148.0cm); and
- 149cm with shoes (any measurement between 149.1cm and 149.9cm will be rounded down to 149.0cm).

1.2. Driving Ponies in Pairs and Four-in-Hands may not be less than 108 cm without shoes, or 109 cm with shoes. Single Ponies must not be less than 120cms without shoes, 121cms with shoes

3. During the Transition Period (1 January 2020 – 31 December 2022), Ponies being measured at FEI Events, in accordance with the provisions of Annex IX, are given a height allowance; their height at the withers must not exceed 150.0cm without shoes or 151.0cm with shoes. Ponies must be presented for measuring in good training condition as they would compete and, if shod, in competition shoeing. ~~The maximum height at the withers must not exceed:~~

~~– 148.0cm without shoes (any measurement between 148.1cm and 148.9cm will be rounded down to 148.0cm); and~~

~~– 149.0cm with shoes (any measurement between 149.1cm and 149.9cm will be rounded down to 149.0cm).~~

The measuring veterinarians will put a remark in the passport: with shoes /without shoes, on the identification page.

**Comments received by 31 August 2020**

**USA:** While the change in 'rounding' was added for 2020, it is important to note that this has created issues for our Federation. A measurement of >148.0 cm, under USEF Rules, would be considered to exceed the limits for a measurement of 'pony'. However, under FEI rules, the practice of rounding down from as high as 148.9 cm allows for the same horse to be considered a pony for FEI competitions. The same issue applies to the maximum height with shoes.

We recommend a more comprehensive review of the rounding practices with regard to pony measurements. Is there some justification to rounding rules that are in place? We understand that there is a potential measurement of uncertainty, but this appears to be a more categorical change in the acceptable height of a 'pony'.

**FEI feedback**

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The FEI wishes to maintain the proposed wording to allow clarity in managing these measuring during Measuring Sessions.

#### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

Proposal stays as above.

### 16. Amendments to Pony Measuring sessions (Proposal from FEI)

#### Article No. 1083 – Pony measuring at FEI Measuring Sessions

##### Explanation for Proposed Change

Paragraph 8: will be removed to reduce the costs associated with Measuring Sessions. Many of the Measuring Veterinarians are also Testing Veterinarians and will be able to carry out both functions at Measuring Sessions.

Paragraph 12: a facility to take radiographs at the Measuring Session will support the logistics of the overall measuring process

Paragraph 13: A new FEI app has been created and is used to record the ponies' details during the Measuring Sessions. The use of the app reduces the requirement for paper records and adds efficiency to the process.

Paragraph 15: the addition to paragraph 15 supports paragraph 12.

##### Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

8. ~~An FEI Testing Veterinarian may be appointed to take EADCM samples.~~

12. NFs are responsible for providing a Measuring Station that meets the following requirements. The Measuring Station must have :

- a. a place to walk the ponies in hand;
- b. boxes available for ponies to urinate after the travel;
- c. testing boxes for EADCM testing, 1 box for every 15 ponies;
- d. a hard surface trot up area; ~~and~~
- e. a suitable area for lungeing and riding before the Measurement; and
- e-f. a facility to take radiographs.

13. NFs must ensure that suitable conditions for Pony Measurement are provided. The Measuring Area must have:

- a) a total area of at least 3m by 3m;
- b) a measuring "pad" of at least 3m by 3m that is flat , even and level which must be certified by laser measurement within 12 months of the measuring session. The floor must be non-slippery (a concrete slab or other paved surface is most desirable; plywood, dirt, gravel or other uneven surfaces are not permitted);
- c) freedom from unnecessary disturbances and distractions;
- d) adequate lighting to facilitate the process;

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- e) ideally a separate entrance and exit to allow safe movement of Ponies into and out of the area; ~~and~~
- f) must be sheltered; ~~and~~
- g) Ideally wifi connection

15. NFs must provide at least 3 stewards that are present for the entire Measuring Session ~~and a licensed veterinarian on site or on call (but able to be on site during the measuring session) in case radiographs must be taken.~~

#### Comments received by 31 August 2020

**IRL:** We recommend that Paragraph 8 not be removed. At busier Measuring Sessions the Measuring Veterinarian would not be in a position to carry out both roles. The wording states that a FEI Testing Veterinarian "may" be appointed. The FEI would therefore be in a position to decide if a Testing Veterinarian is required at a Measuring Session or not.

**USA:** The elimination of 8. ~~An FEI Testing Veterinarian may be appointed to take EADCM samples.~~ is unnecessary. This sentence utilizes the word 'may' as opposed to must, there is no need to effect its removal.

#### FEI feedback

The Veterinary Committee is in agreement with the feedback and will not remove paragraph 8.

#### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

8. An FEI Testing Veterinarian may be appointed to take EADCM samples.

14. NFs are responsible for providing a Measuring Station that meets the following requirements. The Measuring Station must have :

- a. a place to walk the ponies in hand;
- b. boxes available for ponies to urinate after the travel;
- c. testing boxes for EADCM testing, 1 box for every 15 ponies;
- d. a hard surface trot up area; ~~and~~
- ~~e.~~ a suitable area for lungeing and riding before the Measurement; and
- ~~e-f.~~ a facility to take radiographs.

15. NFs must ensure that suitable conditions for Pony Measurement are provided. The Measuring Area must have:
- a) a total area of at least 3m by 3m;
  - b) a measuring "pad" of at least 3m by 3m that is flat , even and level which must be certified by laser measurement within 12 months of the measuring session. The floor must be non-slippery (a concrete slab or other paved surface is most desirable; plywood, dirt, gravel or other uneven surfaces are not permitted);
  - c) freedom from unnecessary disturbances and distractions;
  - d) adequate lighting to facilitate the process;
  - e) ideally a separate entrance and exit to allow safe movement of Ponies into and out of the area; ~~and~~
  - f) must be sheltered; ~~and~~
  - g) Ideally wifi connection

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15. NFs must provide at least 3 stewards that are present for the entire Measuring Session- and a licensed veterinarian on site or on call (but able to be on site during the measuring session) in case radiographs must be taken.

## 17. Ponies presenting with abnormal withers (Proposal from FEI)

### Article No. 1085 – Pony Measuring Procedure

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

Text has been added to paragraph 3 to document the process required for cases of doubt regarding the shape of withers.

#### Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

3. The Measuring Veterinarians assess the appearance of the withers for abnormalities. ~~Ponies with abnormal withers will not be accepted for measuring. If the Measuring Veterinarians have a doubt about the shape of the withers:~~

- a) The pony will be measured;
- b) A steward and/or a Measuring Veterinarian will accompany the pony in order to have its withers radiographed on site during the measuring session;
- c) The Measuring Veterinarian will state "Refusal to measure" in the pony's passport;
- d) The radiographs will be sent to a panel of expert veterinarians appointed by the FEI;
- e) In case the panel concludes that the withers shape is normal and the pony had measured in during the measuring session, a measuring certificate will be stuck on top of the statement "Refusal to measure";
- f) In case the panel concludes that the withers shape is abnormal, the pony will be definitely changed to "horse" in the FEI database and not allowed to represent to a measuring session.

#### Comments received

**GER:** With respect to 3. f) In case the panel concludes that the withers' shape is abnormal (...), we agree that the Pony must be changed to "Horse" in the database. In addition, with regard to animal welfare: If the shape of the withers has been changed in order to lower the pony's height, it constitutes a serious case of abuse of the horse. The respective consequences/sanction to be included in the Rules.

**NED:** To avoid misunderstanding, we would like it to be made clear that Art.1085.3f only applies for ponies in the critical measuring height, about 1.40 and higher.

#### FEI feedback

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It is not possible to open a case of horse abuse without proof and Article 142 of the General Regulations can be applied to such cases situation. It must be considered that a pony with abnormal withers pony may have sustained an accident or the withers may have been deformed for the purpose of national measuring.

**Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020**

Proposal stays as above.

**18. Refusal of measurement for abnormal withers (Proposal from FEI)**

**Article No. 1086 – Refusal to Measure**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

A clarification has been made to explain that Measuring Veterinarians must refuse to measure a Pony where they are unable to obtain radiographs.

**Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020**

2. The Measuring Veterinarians must refuse to measure a Pony in the event of any of the following:
- a) there is doubt or evidence that the Pony's withers, or any part in that anatomical region, may have been interfered with so as to artificially lower the Pony's height and there is no possibility to take radiographs on site during the measuring session; or
  - b) the Pony is sweating or breathing abnormally due to too intense exercise; or
  - c) the Pony has sore feet; or
  - d) the Pony is lame; or
  - e) the Pony is in poor condition; or
  - f) the Pony shows signs of being sedated, in such cases the pony should always be sampled for EADCM.

**Comments received by 31 August 2020**

No comments received.

**FEI feedback**

N/A



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**Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020**

Proposal stays as above.

**19. Change to the definition of PR (Proposal from FEI)****Article No. 1098 – Definition of PR****Explanation for Proposed Change**

A changes to the definition of the PR has been made to align with the proposed changes to the General Regulations and the EADCMRs.

**Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020**

N/A

**Comments received by 31 August 2020**

N/A

**FEI feedback**

N/A

**Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020**

1. As set forth in Article 118 of the General Regulations and in the EADCMRs, the PR shall be the Athlete who rides, vaults or drives the Horse during an Event, ~~but t~~<sup>but</sup> The Owner and other Support Personnel including but not limited to grooms, ~~trainers~~ and veterinarians may be regarded as additional Persons Responsible, if they are present

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at the Event or have made a relevant ~~D~~ecision about the Horse. In Vaulting, the lunger shall be an additional Person Responsible. In Endurance, the Trainer shall be an additional Person Responsible.

## 20. Provision of Stabling (Proposal from FEI)

Article No. 1099 – Responsibilities
Explanation for Proposed Change
Correction of a cross-referencing error.
Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020
N/A
Comments received by 31 August 2020
N/A
FEI feedback
N/A
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PRs must ensure that they and their Horse(s) comply with all aspects of these VRs, and EADCMRs including but not limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse;</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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- b) Horse Passports, including horse identification information, microchip details and FEI validation stickers, in accordance with the GRs, ensuring that their NFs are notified of all relevant changes or updates as required;
- c) biosecurity requirements;
- d) government animal health requirements for the international movement of Horses for competition;
- e) vaccination requirements;
- f) ensuring that during the Period of the Event the Horse is stabled within the FEI Stables provided by the OC, as described by Article 1008.710;
- g) Horse Inspections;
- h) FEI Medication Logbook;
- i) authorisation for veterinary treatment, medication or other supportive therapies received by the Horse during or shortly before an Event;
- j) all provisions related to the implementation of the EADCMRs and Elective Testing;
- k) limb sensitivity examination;
- l) pony measuring; and
- m) the reporting of equine fatalities resulting from FEI Event participation.

## 21. Clarification regarding acceptance terms for FEI Veterinarians (Proposal from FEI)

Article No. 1100 – FEI Veterinarians
Explanation for Proposed Change
Official Veterinarians must conduct themselves in accordance with the Officials Code of Conduct which replaced the Official Veterinarian Codex.
Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020
5. FEI Veterinarians must sign and conduct themselves in accordance with the appropriate Codex <u>or Code of Conduct</u> .
Comments received by 31 August 2020
No comments received.
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N/A

**Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020**

Proposal stays as above.

**22. Re-categorisation of VSMs as Official Veterinarians (Proposal from FEI)****Article No. 1101 – Permitted Treating Veterinarians****Explanation for Proposed Change**

Under the new educational system, Veterinary Services Managers (VSMs) will be considered as Officials rather than PTVs. VSMs are instrumental in supporting the OC to prepare veterinary related matters at FEI events such as biosecurity, stable security and safety. It is therefore critical that VSMs are properly educated and their status maintained. The Veterinary Department is developing an online course for VSMs which will provide extensive information on event-related veterinary matters and serve as a first step in the FEI Veterinary Officials' career. A change to the text is proposed regarding their reclassification.

**Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020**

1. Permitted Treating Veterinarians may assume the following roles:

- ~~Veterinary Services Manager (VSM);~~
- Veterinary Control Officer;
- Treating Veterinarian (TV);
- Team Veterinarian;
- Athlete's Private Veterinarian (APV); and
- Holding Box Veterinarian.

**Comments received by 31 August 2020**

**USA:** The VSM is a very important role at FEI competitions with respect to biosecurity, safety and arranging for appropriate veterinary care. However, it is also a role taken on by a local veterinarian with established contacts to the community and knowledgeable about local resources. In requiring the VSM to be an Official Veterinarian (OV) and to undergo the same requirements, there will be fewer available veterinarians for this important role. We believe increasing the educational requirements for a VSM, as has been provided for, but dropping the requirement to maintain their level 1 status as an OV will be sufficient.

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Under the new education system for FEI veterinarians, it would only be necessary for a PTV to complete an online course to become a VSM. There is no requirement for them to attend an in-person training course.

#### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

Proposal stays as above.

### 23. Reclassification of VSMs as OV's (Proposal from FEI)

#### Article No. 1102 – Official Veterinarians

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

Paragraph 2: in support of the reclassification of VSMs from PTVs to OV's there role has been added as an OV.

Paragraph 3: The text is no longer required in view of VSMs being considered as OV's.

Paragraph 4: EVT's and EOVS are already considered as Officials who can treat horses at FEI events. Under the new educational system, this will also be applicable to VSMs.

Paragraph 5: The inclusion has been added for clarification since the Officials' insurance policy does not provide cover for the treatment of horses at events.

#### Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

1. Only OV's can act as FEI veterinary officials at FEI Events.
2. The following groups of veterinarians must be Official Veterinarians :
  - National Head Veterinarian (NHV);
  - Veterinary Services Manager (VSM);
  - Veterinary Delegate/Foreign Veterinary Delegate (VD/FVD);
  - Additional Veterinary Delegate (AVD);
  - Endurance Official Veterinarian (EOV);
  - Endurance Veterinary Treating Official (EVT);
  - Testing Veterinarian;
  - Measuring Veterinarian; and
  - Examining Veterinarian.
3. OV's may act in either the capacity of an OV or of a PTV, but never in both capacities during the same Event or Events taking place at the same venue at the same time.  
~~EVT's may be assigned as the VSM at Endurance Events.~~
4. OV's are not allowed to compete in any Event where they are officiating as an OV. This includes any national class that may be running at the same Event. ~~OV's VD's, AVD's, Testing Veterinarians, Measuring Veterinarians and Examining Veterinarians~~ must not

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treat any Horses at the Event, including in national classes, unless in an absolute emergency.

4.5. EVTs must have adequate professional indemnity insurance.

#### Comments received by 31 August 2020

**FRA:** We would like assurance that the new OV conditions for the Veterinarian Services Manager would still permit the Veterinary Commission President or an additional Member/Vet Delegate to endorse both functions as is currently possible. This remain an important matter from OCs cost perspective. Please could you confirm this?

#### FEI feedback

The VSM appointed to an event, despite being listed an OV under the new proposal, can also act as a treating veterinarian at the event.

#### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

Proposal stays as above.

## 24. Educational requirements for VSMs (Proposal from FEI)

### Article No. 1103 –Veterinary Services Managers

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

Paragraph 2: an inclusion has been made to determine the VSMs' obligation to fulfil the new educational requirements.

Paragraph 8: an inclusion has been added for clarification since the Officials' insurance policy does not provide cover for the treatment of horses at events.

#### Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

1. VSMs are responsible for assisting the OC in:
  - a) organising the veterinary infrastructure, including ensuring that the appropriate equipment and measures are in place as described in Articles 1007 and 1010-1014;
  - b) ensuring the Event complies with all aspects of these VRs before the first Horse enters the venue; and
  - c) ensuring the veterinary workforce for the Event are appropriately qualified and trained.
2. VSMs must fulfil the requirements for the appropriate OV Level, as set forth in Annex X and the Education System for FEI Veterinarians.

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3. VSMs are responsible for providing:
  - a. the Veterinary Services operations plan, which must include the general procedures for management of veterinary emergencies, including rehearsals before the Event begins. The VSM must review the operations plan with the VD well in advance of the Event; and
  - b. a microchip reader (transponder) compatible with the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) 11785 for use during the Event.
4. VSMs must ensure that:
  - a. the Examination on Arrival is carried out, where appointed to do so by the VD, according to Article 1031;
  - b. emergency protocols are immediately implemented when required; and
  - c. Horses showing clinical signs of infectious disease are immediately isolated. VSMs must recommend and carry out diagnostic testing with agreement of the VD.
5. VSMs must assist the FVD/ VD and other PTVs in their awareness of applicable relevant local and national legislations.
6. VSMs must:
  - a. appoint, lead and maintain contact with the TV(s) and Course Veterinarians and ensure they work in accordance with the VRs;
  - b. appoint and liaise with Veterinary Control officers where necessary
  - c. ensure that a sufficient number of TVs are present near the Field of Play during all competitions and at least one on-duty TV is available 24 hours a day during the period of the Event; and
  - d. maintain contact with the VC/ VD at all times and liaise closely with them.
7. VSMs are not allowed to compete at any Event where they are working as the OC appointed VSM. This includes any national classes that may be running at the same Event.
8. VSMs may be permitted to act as a Treating Veterinarian at the same Event but must have adequate professional indemnity insurance.

#### Comments received by 31 August 2020

**USA:** The new Educational System for FEI Veterinarians was not provided to the NF's for review prior to its release December 2019, but it was intended to be implemented January 2020. In fact, a Veterinary Delegate course being taught at AAEP in December 2019 did not include any of the information regarding the education system, yet it was released by the FEI the last afternoon of the course without the knowledge of course directors. There are many concerns regarding the system and unintended consequences that will be observed with its implementation. The fact the VR's would yield an incredible amount of influence to an Annex or policy that is not up for systematic review by NF's is not consistent with transparency.

It is proposed that the Education System for FEI Veterinarians be delayed in its implementation and a review be undertaken by the National Head Veterinarians as to the practicality of the individual requirements. The practicality of the levels and the maintenance requirements is lacking and needs to be addressed.

There is a definite need for an Education System for FEI Veterinarians, but this Annex appears to be more in line with other Officials (Stewards and TD's) as opposed to

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recognizing the additional considerations for veterinarians and the wide ranges of opportunities provided within NFs.

#### FEI feedback

The FEI would like to advise that the new educational system was presented in an informal manner at the end of the OV course at AAEP in December 2019. Detailed information will be available shortly on the FEI website which explains all the veterinary career paths available and their associated educational requirements. Implementation of the system will take place in a staged manner.

#### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

Proposal stays as above.

### 25. Educational requirements for Veterinary Control Officers (Proposal from FEI)

#### Article No. 1104 – Veterinary Control Officers

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

An addition has been made to the article to clarify the educational requirement of Veterinary Control Officers at FEI events.

#### Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

1. VSMs may appoint a Veterinary Control Officer(s) for Events that involve veterinary supervision over extensive areas (e.g. Cross Country Test in Eventing, Marathon in Driving, Endurance Rides).
2. Veterinary Control Officers must fulfil the requirements for PTVs, as set forth in the Education System for FEI Veterinarians.
3. Veterinary Control Officers should liaise with the VSM and VD to ensure adequate veterinary emergency response during the competition.
4. Veterinary Control Officers must be in contact with all veterinarians on the course and must transmit information regarding any injured or exhausted Horse to the Ground Jury and/or VD immediately.

#### Comments received by 31 August 2020



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No comments received.

#### FEI feedback

N/A

#### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

Proposal stays as above.

## 26. Educational requirements for Treating Veterinarians (Proposal from FEI)

### Article No. 1105 – Treating Veterinarians

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

An addition has been made to the article to clarify the educational requirement of Treating Veterinarians at FEI events.

#### Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

1. TVs work under the guidance of the VSM. They provide emergency care at Events and may be required to carry out the Examination on Arrival or act as a Holding Box Veterinarian.
- 1.2. TVs must fulfil the requirements for PTVs.
- 2.3. TVs must maintain contact with the VC/ VD at all times and liaise closely with them.
- 3.4. TVs must ensure that the relevant Veterinary Forms are completed, submitted and approved by the VC/ VD before administering treatments.
- 4.5. Treatments must be performed within the designated Treatment Boxes, unless exceptionally authorised by the VC/VD (e.g. fluid therapy or in an emergency situation).
- 5.6. TVs are responsible for the proper disposal of any treatment material they have used.

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~~6.7.~~ TVs are not allowed to compete at any Event where they are working as an OC appointed TV. This includes any national class that may be running at the same Event.

**Comments received by 31 August 2020**

No comments received.

**FEI feedback**

N/A

**Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020**

Proposal stays as above.

**27. Educational requirements for Athlete's Private Veterinarians (Proposal from FEI)**
**Article No. 1107 – Athlete's Private Veterinarians**
**Explanation for Proposed Change**

A correction has been made to paragraph 2 of the article to ensure consistency of wording.

**Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020**

2. APVs must fulfil the requirements for ~~be~~ PTVs.

**Comments received by 31 August 2020**

No comments received.

#### FEI feedback

N/A

#### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

Proposal stays as above.

### 28. Education requirements for Veterinary Delegates (Proposal from FEI)

#### Article No. 1108 – Veterinary Delegates

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

A new paragraph has been added to this article to determine that VDs must fulfil the requirements of the new educational system.

#### Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

1. VCs/VDs are responsible for ensuring that the Veterinary Regulations and any relevant Discipline regulations, are maintained during Events and must work in association with the GJ. VDs must be knowledgeable and experienced in the Discipline and the specific rules.
2. VDs must fulfil the requirements for the appropriate OV Level, as set forth in Annex X and the Education System for FEI Veterinarians.
- ~~1-3.~~ VCs/ VDs must be satisfied that the OC and VSM, have provided all facilities, including Pony Measuring facilities where applicable, to an adequate standard before the arrival of the Horses and throughout the Event. The VD must also reviewed with the VSM their emergency plan for the venue incidents.

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#### Comments received by 31 August 2020

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**USA:** The new Educational System for FEI Veterinarians was not provided to the NF's for review prior to its release December 2019, but it was intended to be implemented January 2020. In fact, a Veterinary Delegate course being taught at AAEP in December 2019 did not include any of the information regarding the education system, yet it was released by the FEI the last afternoon of the course without the knowledge of course directors. There are many concerns regarding the system and unintended consequences that will be observed with its implementation. The fact the VR's would yield an incredible amount of influence to an Annex or policy that is not up for systematic review by NF's is not consistent with transparency.

It is proposed that the Education System for FEI Veterinarians be delayed in its implementation and a review be undertaken by the National Head Veterinarians as to the practicality of the individual requirements. The practicality of the levels and the maintenance requirements is lacking and needs to be addressed.

There is a definite need for an Education System for FEI Veterinarians, but this Annex appears to be more in line with other Officials (Stewards and TD's) as opposed to recognizing the additional considerations for veterinarians and the wide ranges of opportunities provided within NFs.

#### **FEI feedback**

The FEI would like to advise that the new educational system was presented in an informal manner at the end of the OV course at AAEP in December 2019. Detailed information will be available shortly on the FEI website which explains all the veterinary career paths available and their associated educational requirements. Implementation of the system will take place in a staged manner.

#### **Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020**

Proposal stays as above.

### **29. Educational requirement for Additional Veterinary Delegates (Proposal from FEI)**

#### **Article No. 1109 – Additional Veterinary Delegates**

#### **Explanation for Proposed Change**

A new paragraph has been added to this article to determine that VDs must fulfil the requirements of the new educational system.

#### **Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020**

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1. Additional Veterinary Delegates (AVDs) are Veterinary Delegates who assist the VD in performing the duties described in Article 1108.

2. AVDs must fulfil the requirements for the appropriate OV Level, as set forth in Annex X and the Education System for FEI Veterinarians.

1.3. AVDs work under the guidance and lead of the VD.

#### Comments received by 31 August 2020

**USA:** The new Educational System for FEI Veterinarians was not provided to the NF's for review prior to its release December 2019, but it was intended to be implemented January 2020. In fact, a Veterinary Delegate course being taught at AAEP in December 2019 did not include any of the information regarding the education system, yet it was released by the FEI the last afternoon of the course without the knowledge of course directors. There are many concerns regarding the system and unintended consequences that will be observed with its implementation. The fact the VR's would yield an incredible amount of influence to an Annex or policy that is not up for systematic review by NF's is not consistent with transparency.

It is proposed that the Education System for FEI Veterinarians be delayed in its implementation and a review be undertaken by the National Head Veterinarians as to the practicality of the individual requirements. The practicality of the levels and the maintenance requirements is lacking and needs to be addressed.

There is a definite need for an Education System for FEI Veterinarians, but this Annex appears to be more in line with other Officials (Stewards and TD's) as opposed to recognizing the additional considerations for veterinarians and the wide ranges of opportunities provided within NFs.

#### FEI feedback

The FEI would like to advise that the new educational system was presented in an informal manner at the end of the OV course at AAEP in December 2019. Detailed information will be available shortly on the FEI website which explains all the veterinary career paths available and their associated educational requirements. Implementation of the system will take place in a staged manner.

#### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

Proposal stays as above.

### 30. Education requirement of Holding Box Veterinarian (Proposal from FEI)

#### Article No. 1111 – Holding Box Veterinarians

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

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An addition has been made to the article to clarify the educational requirement of Holding Box veterinarians at FEI events.

#### Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

1. Holding Box Veterinarians must be members of a VC or AVD where present, otherwise the role can be carried out by a TV approved by the VD.

~~1.2.~~ Holding Box Veterinarians must fulfil the requirements for PTVs.

~~2.3.~~ Holding Box Veterinarians examine Horses that have been referred to the Holding Box in accordance with Article 1039. They must provide clear clinical information to the Inspection Panel however must not provide their opinion on the Horse's fitness to compete.

#### Comments received by 31 August 2020

No comments received.

#### FEI feedback

N/A

#### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

Proposal stays as above.

### 31. Educational requirements for EOVs (Proposal from FEI)

#### Article No. 1112 – Endurance Veterinary ~~Treating~~ Officials

##### Explanation for Proposed Change

An amendment to the title of the article has been made to ensure that the articles are unchanged in the remainder of the regulations.

Additions have been made to the article to clarify the roles of the EOv and EVT and their requirement to fulfil the new educational requirements.

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**Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020**

1. Endurance Official Veterinarians (EOVs) act as Members or Presidents of the Veterinary Commission or Foreign Veterinary Delegates at Endurance Events.
2. EOVs must fulfil the requirements for the appropriate EOV Level, as set forth in Annex X and the Education System for FEI Veterinarians.
3. Endurance Veterinary Treating Officials (EVTs) are EOVs who act as Treating Veterinarians at Endurance Events.

The Treating Veterinarian/ Treating Veterinary Commission is responsible for undertaking and ensuring the veterinary care and stabilization of horses eliminated from competition, and should liaise with the VSM to ensure that adequate supplies and equipment are available. The Treating Veterinarian/ President of the Treating Veterinary Commission, along with the PVC and FVD, is responsible for identifying any horses to be designated as Serious Injury-ME, Serious Injury-Musculoskeletal, or Minor Injury.

- ~~1.4.~~ EVTs must fulfil the requirements for the appropriate EVT Level as set forth in Annex X and the Education System for FEI Veterinarians

- ~~2.5.~~ EVTs are responsible for the proper disposal of any treatment material they have used.

**Comments received by 31 August 2020**

No comments received.

**FEI feedback**

N/A

**Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020**

Proposal stays same as above.

**32. Education requirements for Measuring Veterinarians (Proposal from FEI)****Article No. 1114 – Examining Veterinarians****Explanation for Proposed Change**

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A paragraph has been added to the article to clarify the educational requirements of Examining Veterinarians at FEI events.

#### Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

1. Examining Veterinarians are appointed by the FEI Veterinary Department to carry out the Examination of Horses for abnormal limb sensitivity.

~~1-2.~~ Examining Veterinarians must fulfil the requirements as determined by the Education System for FEI Veterinarians.

#### Comments received by 31 August 2020

No comments received.

#### FEI feedback

N/A

#### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

Proposal stays as above.

### 33. Educational requirements for Veterinary Delegates (Proposal from FEI)

#### Article No. 1115 – Testing Veterinarians

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

Two paragraphs have been added to this article. It is necessary to clarify that when appointed as a Testing Veterinarian by the Veterinary Department, is separate from the role of the Veterinary Delegate at FEI events. In addition, the obligation of Testing Veterinarians to fulfil the new educational requirements has been highlighted.

#### Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020



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1. Testing Veterinarians must always work in close liaison with the VC/ VD and the GJ.
2. Testing Veterinarians are responsible for:
  - a) ensuring the facilities provided by the OC and VSM comply with the VRs and are suitable for sampling;
  - b) providing a suitable number of FEI approved sampling kits;
  - c) advising the President of the GJ on the selection of Horses for sampling in association with the VC/ VD;
  - d) carrying out sampling of Horses, as described in Chapter VII;
  - e) dispatching the samples to an FEI laboratory for analysis.
3. Testing Veterinarians must not officiate as the Primary VD at an event at which they have been appointed as Testing Veterinarian.
4. Testing Veterinarians must fulfil the requirements as determined by the Education System for FEI Veterinarians.

#### Comments received by 31 August 2020

**USA:** The new Educational System for FEI Veterinarians was not provided to the NF's for review prior to its release December 2019, but it was intended to be implemented January 2020. In fact, a Veterinary Delegate course being taught at AAEP in December 2019 did not include any of the information regarding the education system, yet it was released by the FEI the last afternoon of the course without the knowledge of course directors. There are many concerns regarding the system and unintended consequences that will be observed with its implementation. The fact the VR's would yield an incredible amount of influence to an Annex or policy that is not up for systematic review by NF's is not consistent with transparency.

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#### FEI feedback

The FEI would like to advise that the new educational system was presented in an informal manner at the end of the OV course at AAEP in December 2019. Detailed information will be available shortly on the FEI website which explains all the veterinary career paths available and their associated educational requirements. Implementation of the system will take place in a staged manner.

#### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

Proposal stays as above.

**34. Number of Official Veterinarians required at events (Proposal from FEI)**

Article No. 1117 – Organising Committee Appointments
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>A change has been proposed to paragraph 1 where a new annex explains the requirement and number of OV's required for events, based on the new educational system.</p> <p>A correction has been made to paragraph 9 to update old terminology.</p>
<b>Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020</b>
<p>1. The OC of International Competitions (CIs) and National Competitions which include FEI Events must appoint:</p> <p><del>4. at least one Veterinary Delegate (VD) from the Official Veterinarian (OV) List;</del>  <del>5. at least one Veterinary Services Manager (VSM) from the PTV or OV List; and</del>  <del>4. the number of veterinary officials as set forth in Annex X</del>  <del>6.5.</del> a suitable number of Treating Veterinarians (TVs) from the PTV or OV List.</p> <p>...</p> <p>9. The VSM in conjunction with the VD may appoint a TV as the Holding Box Veterinarian at Events where there is no Veterinary Commission or <del>Assistant</del><u>additional</u> Veterinary Delegate.</p> <p>...</p>
<b>Comments received by 31 August 2020</b>
No comments received.
<b>FEI feedback</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020</b>
Proposal stays as above.

**35. FEI appointed Officials (Proposal from FEI)**

Article No. 1118 – FEI Appointed Officials

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Explanation for Proposed Change	
Changes have been made to this article to reflect the new annex in the veterinary Regulations which determines the number of OV's and the level required for the various categories of FEI events.	
Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020	
<p>1. The FEI Veterinary Department appoints the following OV's to Events:</p> <p>a) Testing Veterinarians in conjunction with their NHV;</p> <p><u>b) Foreign Veterinary Delegates (FVDs) in accordance with the GRs and in consultation with the Veterinary Committee <del>for certain Events as specified in Annex X</del>;</u></p> <p><u>c) Presidents and Members of the Veterinary Commission in consultation with the Endurance Department as specified in Annex X;</u></p> <p><del>b)d)</del> <u>Presidents and Members of the Treating Veterinary Commission in consultation with the Endurance Department as specified in Annex X;</u></p> <p><del>e)e)</del> <u>Examining Veterinarians; and</u></p> <p><del>d)f)</del> <u>Measuring Veterinarians.</u></p>	
Comments received by 31 August 2020	
No comments received.	
FEI feedback	
N/A	
Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020	
Proposal stays as above.	

**36. OV requirement for event appointments (Proposal from FEI)**

Article No. 1120 – Appointments at Major Events
Explanation for Proposed Change

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A change has been made to paragraph 1 to reflect the new annex in the Veterinary Regulations which determines the number of OV's and the level required for the various categories of FEI events. Clarification has been made regarding the appointment of FVDs for CIOs.

#### Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

1. At Official International Events (CIOs), World Cup Finals with the exception of Vaulting where only 1 FVD is appointed, Championships and Games, including the Olympic and Paralympic Games, a Veterinary Commission (VC) must be formed of at least 3 OV's ~~in accordance with the relevant requirements as set forth in Annex X~~ FVDs are appointed by the FEI for CIOs.

#### Comments received by 31 August 2020

**FRA:** Please could you clarify as the wording of this article meaning a requirement of 3 OV's and the content of the Annex X are not the same. This remain an important matter from OCs cost perspective.

#### FEI feedback

The listing of the VSM in Annex X has been included since under the new proposals, the VSM will be considered as an OV role. Veterinary Commissions will still consist of 3 OV's and the VSM will not be eligible to be a member of the Veterinary Commission as already established in the rules.

#### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

Proposal stays as above.

### 37. Sanction for the clipping/removal of sensory hairs (Proposal from FEI)

#### Article No. Annex VI – Sanctions in case of FEI Veterinary Regulation Violations

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

A sanction has been added to support the proposed rule addition to Article 1004.1 regarding the prohibition of trimming or removing sensory hairs

#### Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

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<u>39</u>	<u>1004</u>	<u>Clipping, shaving and/or removing sensory hairs</u>	<u>Disqualification of the Horse from the Event</u>
<b>Comments received by 31 August 2020</b>			
<p><b>USA:</b> While there has been an addition to the Glossary regarding Sensory Hairs, there is still a great deal of subjectivity which could lead to irregular enforcement at different competitions. Since clipping the sensory hairs results in disqualification, is it to be understood that ANY trimming or shortening of these hairs would cause disqualification? Clipped "at all" or clipped down to skin level? It should be considered that when sensory hairs around the eye are left at full natural length, they can become tangled or trapped in the blinkers (blinders) of the driving bridle and potentially cause discomfort. Is there any consideration for whether this has been done at the Event vs away from the Event?</p> <p>We recommend removing these changes and addressing when the complete review of the FEI Veterinary Rules will be conducted. This would allow for more input to be gathered from veterinarians and professional horsemen. It is too subjective at this point and could provide difficulty in enforcement.</p>			
<b>FEI feedback</b>			
<p>The Veterinary Committee believes that the proposed wording should remain as presented since it does not perceive any problems of sensory hairs around the eyes being trapped in blinkers of driving horses.</p>			
<b>Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020</b>			
<p>Proposal stays as above.</p>			

**38. Clarification of hyposensitivity control procedure (Proposal from FEI)**

<b>Article No. Annex VIII – Hyposensitivity Control System</b>
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
<p>Changes have been proposed to four paragraphs of the Annex and a new paragraph added.</p> <p>Paragraph 3: the addition of a liaison judge has been added to ensure that a case of hyposensitivity can be managed immediately to avoid disruption of the Veterinary Commission's work in the Vet Gate.</p> <p>Paragraph 5: the results measured during the FEI Event testing period showed that there could be tired horses with normal sensitivity but lacking the alertness to show a clear reaction on applied forces that were close to 18 Newtons. 20 Newtons proved to be a safer value.</p>

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Paragraph 8: the change incorporates alternative terminology to align with the Endurance rules.

Paragraph 19: The FEI proposes removing this paragraph it requires the horse to have passed a hyposensitivity test and there may not be trained veterinarians available or specialised equipment to carry out the control. In order to have a deterrent effect, horses that have tested positive will instead be prioritised for target testing and also fall under the provisions of Annex VII of the FEI Endurance Rules.

A new paragraph will be inserted between the paragraphs currently labelled 25 and 26 to support the removal of Paragraph 19.

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3. Any Examination will be carried out by the Hyposensitivity Control System teams (which shall consist of two FEI Examining Veterinarians and one liaison judge) and where possible in the presence of at least one member of the GJ.
5. The Examination will be carried out using a Hyposensitivity Control System Examination device, as approved and certified by the FEI. The Horse may be tested up to 3 times in each limb. If the Horse has an evasive reaction below 1820 Newtons, it is considered to be negative. No reaction, or a reaction to 1820 Newtons or above is considered as positive and the Horse has failed to pass the Hyposensitivity Control examination.
8. During the Ride Examination: The Examination will take place after the Vet Inspection Gate and before the Rest Area, after a Vet Gate Inspection as when the Horse leaves the Vetting Gate Area, before entering the Rest Area.
- ~~19. Any Horse Disqualified under this Annex must successfully pass a Hyposensitivity Control System Examination prior to be entitled to compete again at National and International Events.~~
25. If a Horse has a third (or subsequent) positive result in a Hyposensitivity Control Examination in a rolling twelve (12) month period, the Horse must :
  - (i) undergo a 180-day Mandatory Out of Competition Period (as defined in the FEI Endurance Rules); and
  - (ii) undergo a specific examination protocol as set out in Annex VIII of the FEI Endurance Rules before being eligible to compete in any FEI Events or National Events.

#### Comments received by 31 August 2020

No comments received.

#### FEI feedback

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A correction has been made to the reference in paragraph 25 (ii)

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4. Any Examination will be carried out by the Hyposensitivity Control System teams (which shall consist of two FEI Examining Veterinarians and one liaison judge) and where possible in the presence of at least one member of the GJ.
6. The Examination will be carried out using a Hyposensitivity Control System Examination device, as approved and certified by the FEI. The Horse may be tested up to 3 times in each limb. If the Horse has an evasive reaction below 1820 Newtons, it is considered to be negative. No reaction, or a reaction to 1820 Newtons or above is considered as positive and the Horse has failed to pass the Hyposensitivity Control examination.
9. During the Ride Examination: The Examination will take place after the Vet Inspection Gate and before the Rest Area, after a Vet Gate Inspection as when the Horse leaves the Vetting Gate Area, before entering the Rest Area.
20. ~~Any Horse Disqualified under this Annex must successfully pass a Hyposensitivity Control System Examination prior to be entitled to compete again at National and International Events.~~
26. If a Horse has a third (or subsequent) positive result in a Hyposensitivity Control Examination in a rolling twelve (12) month period, the Horse must :
  - (i) undergo a 180-day Mandatory Out of Competition Period (as defined in the FEI Endurance Rules); and
  - (ii) undergo a specific examination protocol as set out in Annex VIII.5 of the FEI Veterinary Regulations before being eligible to compete in any FEI Events or National Events.

### 39. Educational requirements for Veterinary Delegates attending events (Proposal from FEI)

#### Article No. Annex X – Veterinary Officials required for FEI Events

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

The addition of a new Annex is proposed in view of the educational requirements for OVs officiating at FEI events. The changes to the system are to ensure that Officials are appointed with the appropriate training and experience necessary for the different categories of competition.

#### Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

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<u>Disciplines: Jumping, Dressage &amp; Para-Dressage, Eventing, Driving &amp; Para-Driving, Reining, Vaulting</u>				
<u>FEI Events</u>	<u>Veterinary Officials</u>	<u>Minimum Level</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
<u>CIMs</u> (See Appendix E of the FEI General Regulations)	<u>Veterinary Delegate</u>	<u>Level 2 OV</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>Additional Veterinary Delegates</u>	<u>Level 2 OV</u>	<u>(See Note 1)</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>Veterinary Services Manager</u>	<u>Level 1 OV#</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
<u>CIs</u> <u>Children's Classics</u> <u>Challenge Finals</u> <u>Regional Championships</u>	<u>Veterinary Delegate</u>	<u>Level 3 OV#</u>	<u>1</u> <u>(See Note 2)</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>Additional Veterinary Delegates</u>	<u>Level 2 OV</u>	<u>(See Note 1)</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>Veterinary Services Manager</u>	<u>Level 1 OV#</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
<u>CIOs</u> (See Note 3)	<u>Foreign Veterinary Delegate</u>	<u>Level 3 OV#</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>Additional Veterinary Delegates</u>	<u>Level 3 OV#</u>	<u>Minimum 2</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>Veterinary Services Manager</u>	<u>Level 1 OV#</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>



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<a href="#">FEI World Cup™ Finals</a> <a href="#">World Championships</a> <a href="#">Continental Championships</a> <a href="#">Continental Games</a> <a href="#">Regional Games</a>	<a href="#">Foreign Veterinary Delegate</a>	<a href="#">Level 4 OV</a>	<a href="#">1</a>	<a href="#">FEI Headquarters</a>
	<a href="#">Additional Veterinary Delegates</a>	<a href="#">Level 3 OV#</a>	<a href="#">Minimum 2</a>	<a href="#">OC, subject to FEI approval</a>
	<a href="#">Veterinary Services Manager</a>	<a href="#">Level 1 OV#</a>	<a href="#">1</a>	<a href="#">OC, subject to FEI approval</a>

(1) AVDs may be appointed at Events with high numbers of participating horses. The FEI Veterinary Department reserves the right to request AVDs.

(2) More than one VD may be appointed at Events where competitions of different disciplines take place on different Fields of Play simultaneously.

(3) Refer to discipline rules regarding Eventing Nations Cup requirements and Article 1120.1 for an exception to Vaulting.

#implemented from 1 July 2021

<a href="#">Disciplines: Jumping, Dressage &amp; Para-Dressage, Eventing, Driving &amp; Para-Driving, Reining, Vaulting</a>				
<a href="#">FEI Events</a>	<a href="#">Veterinary Officials</a>	<a href="#">Minimum Level</a>	<a href="#">Number</a>	<a href="#">Appointment</a>
<a href="#">World Equestrian Games</a>	<a href="#">Foreign Veterinary Delegate</a>	<a href="#">Level 4 OV</a>	<a href="#">1 per Veterinary Commission</a>	<a href="#">FEI Headquarters</a>
	<a href="#">President Veterinary Commission</a>	<a href="#">Level 4 OV</a>	<a href="#">1 per Veterinary Commission</a>	<a href="#">FEI Headquarters</a>
	<a href="#">Members Veterinary Commission</a>	<a href="#">Level 3 OV#</a>	<a href="#">(See Note 4)</a>	<a href="#">FEI Headquarters</a>

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	<u>Veterinary Services Manager</u>	<u>Level 1 OV#</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
<u>Olympic &amp; Paralympic Games</u>	<u>Foreign Veterinary Delegate</u>	<u>Level 4 OV</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>President Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 4 OV</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>Members Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 3 OV#</u>	<u>Minimum 1</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>Veterinary Services Manager</u>	<u>Level 1 OV#</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>

(4) The number of Members of the Veterinary Commissions is set for each edition of the World Equestrian Games.

<u>Discipline: Endurance</u>				
<u>FEI Events</u>	<u>Veterinary Officials</u>	<u>Minimum Level</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
<u>CEI1*</u> <u>Regional Championships</u> <u>(see Notes 5, 6 &amp; 8)</u>	<u>President Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 3 EOv</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>Members Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 2 EOv</u>	<u>Minimum 2</u> <u>+ 1 per 20 entries</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>President Treating Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 3 EVT</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>Members Treating Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>PTV</u>	<u>1 per 50 entries</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>Veterinary Services Manager</u>	<u>Level 2 EVT</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>

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<u>CEI2*</u> (see Notes 5, 6 & 8)	<u>Foreign Veterinary Delegate</u>	<u>Level 3 EOVS</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>President Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 3 EOVS</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>Members Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 2 EOVS</u>	<u>Minimum 1</u> <u>+ 1 per 20 entries</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>President Treating Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 3 EVT</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>Members Treating Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>PTV</u>	<u>1 per 50 entries</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>Veterinary Services Manager</u>	<u>Level 2 EVT</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
<u>Discipline: Endurance</u>				
<u>FEI Event</u>	<u>Veterinary Officials</u>	<u>Minimum Level</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
<u>CEI3*</u> (see Notes 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9)	<u>Foreign Veterinary Delegate</u>	<u>Level 3 EOVS</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u> <u>(if more than 20 entries)</u>
	<u>President Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 3 EOVS</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u> <u>(if more than 20 entries)</u>
	<u>Members Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 2 EOVS</u>	<u>Minimum 1</u> <u>+ 1 per 20 entries</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
	<u>President Treating Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 3 EVT</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u> <u>(if more than 20 entries)</u>
	<u>Members Treating Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>PTV</u>	<u>1 per 30 entries</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>

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	<u>Veterinary Services Manager</u>	<u>Level 2 EVT</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
<u>Regional Games Continental Championships for Seniors, Juniors, Young Riders or Young Horses (see notes 6, 7 &amp; 10)</u>	<u>Foreign Veterinary Delegate</u>	<u>Level 4 EOv</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>President Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 4 EOv</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>Members Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 3 EOv</u>	<u>Minimum 3 + 1 per 15 entries</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>President Treating Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 4 EVT</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>Members Treating Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 3 EVT</u>	<u>Minimum 1 + 1 per 20 entries</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>Veterinary Services Manager</u>	<u>Level 3 EVT</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>
<u>Discipline: Endurance</u>				
<u>FEI Events</u>	<u>Veterinary Officials</u>	<u>Minimum Level</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
<u>World Equestrian Games World Championships (see Notes 6, 7 &amp; 10)</u>	<u>Foreign Veterinary Delegate</u>	<u>Level 4 EOv</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>President Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 4 EOv</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>Members Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 3 EOv</u>	<u>Minimum 3 + 1 per 15 entries</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>President Treating Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 4 EVT</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>

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	<u>Members Treating Veterinary Commission</u>	<u>Level 3 EVT</u>	<u>Minimum 1 + 1 per 20 entries</u>	<u>FEI Headquarters</u>
	<u>Veterinary Services Manager</u>	<u>Level 3 EVT</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>OC, subject to FEI approval</u>

(5) PTVs can be appointed as members of the Treating Veterinary Commission in regions/countries with an insufficient number of licensed EVTs, otherwise preference should be given to Level 2 EVTs.

(6) The President or a Member of the Treating Veterinary Commission can be appointed as the VSM.

(7) At least half of the Veterinary Commission (including the President and Foreign Veterinary Delegate) must be 'Foreign', in accordance with Article **Error! Reference source not found.** of the Endurance Rules.

(8) The FEI reserves the right to appoint the President of the Veterinary Commission and Foreign Veterinary Delegate at all CEIOs (regardless of star level). Where a Foreign Veterinary Delegate is not required, a Primary Veterinary Delegate must be appointed to fulfil the role of the Foreign Veterinary Delegate.

(9) At least half of the members of the Veterinary Commission must be Level 3 EOVs or higher.

(10) At least half of the members of the Veterinary Commission must be Level 4 EOVs and half of the members of the Treating Veterinary Commission must be Level 4 EVTs.

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### **FEI feedback**

The FEI would like to advise that the new educational system was presented in an informal manner at the end of the OV course at AAEP in December 2019. Detailed information will be available shortly on the FEI website which explains all the veterinary career paths available and their associated educational requirements. Implementation of the system will take place in a staged manner where OV Levels 1, 3 and 4 for non-Endurance disciplines will be implemented from 1 January 2022.

### **Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020**

Proposal stays as above.

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## 40. Additions to the Glossary (Proposal from FEI)

**Article No. Annex XI - Glossary****Explanation for Proposed Change**

Entries to the glossary have been added regarding the definition of blistering and sensory hairs to support additions to Articles 1004 and 1063.

Veterinary Services Manager has been added to the list of Official Veterinarians and removed from the list of PTVs to reflect the proposed change of the role's classification.

**Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020****Blistering**

Application of an irritant to the Horse's skin resulting in inflammation.

**Official Veterinarian**

FEI Official Veterinarians are veterinary *Officials*; they are a group of *FEI Veterinarians* and include the following categories of veterinarians:

- National Head FEI Veterinarian (NHV) (formally Contact Veterinarian)
- Veterinary Delegate/ Foreign Veterinary Delegate (VD/ FVD)
- Assistant Veterinary Delegate (AVD)
- Endurance Veterinary Treating Officials (EVTs)
- Testing Veterinarian
- Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)
- Holding Box Veterinarian (previously Examining Veterinarians) – except at an Event where there is only one VD, when the Holding Box Veterinarian might be a PTV
- Measuring Veterinarian
- Examining Veterinarian (Limb Sensitivity)

**Permitted Treating Veterinarian (PTV)**

PTVs agree to abide by the FEI Regulations, are registered with the FEI and are allowed to treat *Horses* during an *Event*, within the provisions of the VRs. This group of *FEI Veterinarians* includes the following categories of veterinarians:

- ~~Veterinary Services Manager (VSM)~~
- Veterinary Control Officer
- Treating Veterinarian (TV)
- Team Veterinarian
- Athlete's Private Veterinarian (APV)
- Holding Box Veterinarian when the Event only has one VD

**Sensory Hairs**

Hard hairs located on the Horse's muzzle and around its eyes, also known as 'whiskers' that are used for sensation.

**Comments received by 31 August 2020**

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**USA:** While there has been an addition to the Glossary regarding Sensory Hairs, there is still a great deal of subjectivity which could lead to irregular enforcement at different competitions. Since clipping the sensory hairs results in disqualification, is it to be understood that ANY trimming or shortening of these hairs would cause disqualification? Clipped "at all" or clipped down to skin level? It should be considered that when sensory hairs around the eye are left at full natural length, they can become tangled or trapped in the blinkers (blinders) of the driving bridle and potentially cause discomfort. Is there any consideration for whether this has been done at the Event vs away from the Event?

We recommend removing these changes and addressing when the complete review of the FEI Veterinary Rules will be conducted. This would allow for more input to be gathered from veterinarians and professional horsemen. It is too subjective at this point and could provide difficulty in enforcement.

#### FEI feedback

The Veterinary Committee believes that the proposed wording should remain as presented since it does not perceive any problems of sensory hairs around the eyes being trapped in blinkers of driving horses.

The definition of Person Responsible has been amended to align with the changes of the GR and EADCMRs

#### Proposed Final Wording to be voted at the FEI General Assembly 2020

Proposal stays as above but with the inclusion of the following changes to the definition of the Person Responsible:

##### Person Responsible (PR)

As set forth in the GRs and the EADCMRs: the Person Responsible for the Horse is the Person who rides, drives or vaults the Horse during an Event, but – ~~For~~ the owner and other *Support Personnel*, including but not limited to grooms and veterinarians, may be regarded as additional Persons Responsible if they are present at the Event or have made a relevant Decision about the Horse. In vaulting, the lunger shall be ~~is considered~~ an additional Person Responsible. In Endurance, the Trainer shall be an additional Person Responsible. For minors, specific details are stipulated in the GRs.

#### 41. General comment

Article No. – N/A

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

N/A

#### Proposed Wording



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N/A

**Comments received by 31 August 2020**

**CAN:** On behalf of Equestrian Canada thank you to the FEI for the opportunity to submit feedback and additional rule revisions for 2020.

Our Equestrian Canada Medication and Control Committee have reviewed the proposed recommendations and have determined they have no further revisions or submissions for the Veterinary Regulations.

Thank you for the ongoing work of the FEI.

**FEI feedback**

N/A

**Proposed Final Wording**

N/A

## B. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN REJECTED OR DEFERRED TO A FUTURE RULES REVISION

### 1. Enforcing the prohibition of clipping/removal of sensory hairs (Proposal from FEI)

#### Article No. 1038 – Horse Inspection Procedure

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

With reference to the addition to Article 1004.1(i) regarding the prohibition of trimming or removing the horse's sensory hairs, the FEI proposes that the Veterinary Delegate is to check the sensory hairs during the Horse Inspection.

#### Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

Handlers must stand the Horse in front of the Inspection Panel facing the end of the inspection track. The VD must walk around the Horse and make a brief visual inspection and ensure the Horse's sensory hairs have not been clipped/shaven or removed according to Article 1004.1(i). Any other examinations (e.g. palpation or limb flexion) may not be performed.

#### Comments received by 31 August 2020

**AUS:** EA prefer that the visual inspection to ensure that the horse's sensory hairs have not been clipped/shaven or removed according to Article 1004.1(i) be performed at the arrival examination for safety reasons. During the horse inspection, many horses are excitable, and a close examination of the horse's head area may upset the horse. The GJ are likely to want to inspect the horse closely themselves to decide if the sensory hairs have been clipped/shaven or removed - this is safest if examined at the arrival examination when the horse is relaxed compared to during a horse inspection when most horses are adrenalized and excited by the atmosphere. Further, there may be some cases where the veterinarian needs to palpate the area and palpation is not permitted during the horse inspection.

Equestrian Australia Suggest removing "and ensure the Horse's sensory hairs have not been clipped/shaven or removed according to Article 1004.1(i)" from this article and adding to article 1031 as part of what is required at the arrival examination.

- '3. Handlers must stand the Horse in front of the Inspection Panel facing the end of the inspection track. The VD must walk around the Horse and make a brief visual inspection ~~and ensure the Horse's sensory hairs have not been clipped/shaven or removed according to Article 1004.1(i)~~. Any other examinations (e.g. palpation or limb flexion) may not be performed.'

**USA:** While there has been an addition to the Glossary regarding Sensory Hairs, there is still a great deal of subjectivity which could lead to irregular enforcement at different

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competitions. Since clipping the sensory hairs results in disqualification, is it to be understood that ANY trimming or shortening of these hairs would cause disqualification? Clipped "at all" or clipped down to skin level? It should be considered that when sensory hairs around the eye are left at full natural length, they can become tangled or trapped in the blinkers (blinders) of the driving bridle and potentially cause discomfort. Is there any consideration for whether this has been done at the Event vs away from the Event?

We recommend removing these changes and addressing when the complete review of the FEI Veterinary Rules will be conducted. This would allow for more input to be gathered from veterinarians and professional horsemen. It is too subjective at this point and could provide difficulty in enforcement.

#### FEI feedback

The Veterinary Committee believes there to be no perceived problem of sensory hairs around the eyes being trapped in blinkers of driving horses and is in agreement with the feedback from AUS. There will be no change to the current wording of Article 1038 regarding control of the rules. Guidelines regarding the control of the rule will be added to the Veterinary Delegate manual.

#### Proposed Final Wording

Handlers must stand the Horse in front of the Inspection Panel facing the end of the inspection track. The VD must walk around the Horse and make a brief visual inspection. Any other examinations (e.g. palpation or limb flexion) may not be performed.

## 2. Sampling

### Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

Proposal from IRL

### Article Number – Article Name

1068 - Sampling

### Explanation for Proposed Change

N/A

### Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

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N/A

**Comments received by 31 August 2020**

7. Evading, refusing or failing to submit to sample collection, **without compelling justification**, is a violation of the EADCMRs Article 2.3.

**FEI feedback**

The feedback will be considered in the 2021 review of the Veterinary Regulations since no change was previously proposed to this article.

**3. Pony Measuring Procedure****Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)**

Proposal from EEF

**Article Number – Article Name**

1085 – Pony Measuring Procedure

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

N/A

**Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020**

N/A

**Comments received by 31 August 2020**

Small ponies that are measured at their first international measuring session at the age of six or seven years with a height of max 1.40m, shall not need to undergo a second international measuring but shall immediately receive a lifetime certificate because they will clearly not grow out of the pony limit by the age of eight years. This would significantly reduce cost and bureaucracy, particularly in Driving where many small ponies are competing.

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Proposed new wording: If a Pony measures in with a maximum height of 140cm and is between 6 and 8 years it will receive an FEI Lifetime Measuring Certificate.

#### FEI feedback

The feedback will be considered in the 2021 review of the Veterinary Regulations since no change was previously proposed to this article.

#### 4. Pony Measuring Procedure

##### Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

Proposal from ITA

##### Article Number – Article Name

1085 – Pony Measuring Procedure

##### Explanation for Proposed Change

N/A

##### Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

N/A

##### Comments received by 31 August 2020

Small ponies that are measured at their first international measuring session at the age of six or seven years with a height of max 1.40m, shall not need to undergo a second international measuring but shall immediately receive a lifetime certificate because they will clearly not grow out of the pony limit by the age of eight years. This would significantly reduce cost and bureaucracy, particularly in Driving where many small ponies are competing.

Proposed new wording: If a Pony measures in with a maximum height of 140cm and is between 6 and 8 years it will receive an FEI Lifetime Measuring Certificate.

#### FEI feedback

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The feedback will be considered in the 2021 review of the Veterinary Regulations since no change was previously proposed to this article.

## 5. Pony Measuring Procedure

### Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

Proposal from NED

### Article Number – Article Name

1085 – Pony Measuring Procedure

### Explanation for Proposed Change

N/A

### Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020

N/A

### Comments received by 31 August 2020

Small ponies that are measured at their first international measuring session at the age of six or seven years with a height of max 1.40m, shall not need to undergo a second international measuring but shall immediately receive a lifetime certificate because they will clearly not grow out of the pony limit by the age of eight years. This would significantly reduce cost and bureaucracy, particularly in Driving where many small ponies are competing.

Proposed new wording: If a Pony measures in with a maximum height of 140cm and is between 6 and 8 years it will receive an FEI Lifetime Measuring Certificate.

### FEI feedback

The feedback will be considered in the 2021 review of the Veterinary Regulations since no change was previously proposed to this article.

## 6. Pony Measuring Procedure

### Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)

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Proposal from BEL
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
1085 – Pony Measuring Procedure
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>
N/A
<b>Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020</b>
N/A
<b>Comments received by 31 August 2020</b>
<p>Small ponies that are measured at their first international measuring session at the age of six or seven years with a height of max 1.40m, shall not need to undergo a second international measuring but shall immediately receive a lifetime certificate because they will clearly not grow out of the pony limit by the age of eight years. This would significantly reduce cost and bureaucracy, particularly in Driving where many small ponies are competing.</p> <p>Proposed new wording: If a Pony measures in with a maximum height of 140cm and is between 6 and 8 years it will receive an FEI Lifetime Measuring Certificate.</p>
<b>FEI feedback</b>
The feedback will be considered in the 2021 review of the Veterinary Regulations since no change was previously proposed to this article.

**7. Pony Measuring Procedure**

<b>Proposal from (National Federation, Stakeholder or FEI)</b>
Proposal from FRA
<b>Article Number – Article Name</b>
1085 – Pony Measuring Procedure
<b>Explanation for Proposed Change</b>

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N/A

**Proposed Wording on 13 July 2020**

N/A

**Comments received by 31 August 2020**

Small ponies that are measured at their first international measuring session at the age of six or seven years with a height of max 1.40m, shall not need to undergo a second international measuring but shall immediately receive a lifetime certificate because they will clearly not grow out of the pony limit by the age of eight years. This would significantly reduce cost and bureaucracy, particularly in Driving where many small ponies are competing.

Proposed new wording: If a Pony measures in with a maximum height of 140cm and is between 6 and 8 years it will receive an FEI Lifetime Measuring Certificate.

**FEI feedback**

The feedback will be considered in the 2021 review of the Veterinary Regulations since no change was previously proposed to this article.