

FAQs for athletes, grooms and support personnel

How can I find out if the medication, feed or supplement I give to my horse contains any Prohibited Substances?

All ingredients of the supplements you wish to use must be checked against the FEI's Equine Prohibited Substances List (EPSL). In some instances it may be necessary to contact the manufacturer of the product for a full list of the product's ingredients.

The EPSL can be downloaded in a pdf format [here](#). It is also available in a database format [here](#) and as a mobile phone application.

When using the database, the chemical name of the substances must be entered, rather than colloquial names, trade names or other terminology. Metabolites and substances with a similar chemical structure or biological effect to the substances listed on the EPSL are also considered as Prohibited Substances. It may be necessary to consult an expert in order to obtain certainty.

Can the FEI tell me if my feed or supplement contains any Prohibited Substances?

No. The FEI does not hold information on specific feeds or supplements and does not provide a service to athletes, grooms and support personnel for ensuring that products do not contain any Prohibited Substances. It is the responsibility of the PR (Person Responsible) to ensure that any products used are free from Prohibited Substances.

Does the FEI run a product approval system?

No. The FEI does not run any form of product approval scheme or endorsement system. The use of any of the FEI logo on products is strictly prohibited.

Does the Equine Prohibited Substances List change?

Yes. The Equine Prohibited Substances List (EPSL) is reviewed on an annual basis however changes can be made prior to the completion of the annual review. Notification of any changes is published on the FEI website 90 days in advance of the new list becoming effective.

Can natural products e.g. herbs and essential oils be used in FEI competition?

The constituent components of all herbs and essential oils must be checked against the FEI's Equine Prohibited Substances List. The FEI issues a warning against the use of natural products, which can be found [here](#).

Can CBD, CBDA or THC be given to horses competing under FEI Regulations?

No. CBD (cannabidiol), CBDA (Cannabidiolic acid) and THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) are cannabinoids, regardless of their source. Cannabinoids are listed on the EPSL as Banned Substances.

Does the FEI publish detection times?

Yes. The FEI publishes a list of detection times for commonly used veterinary medicines which can be found [here](#).