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FEI Key Event Requirements
April 2023

FEI Key Event Requirements (KERs)

- 2019: Jumping 'Round Table' meeting
- 2020: Mapping exercise to establish what framework already in place defining & monitoring standards
- 2020-2021: Presented results of mapping exercise to technical committees – discussion to identify perceived issues & priorities
- 2021: Global stakeholder survey
- 2022: Sports Forum discussion on Top 20 event delivery aspects identified via the stakeholder survey
- 2022-to date: Further consultations with FEI Disciplines and Veterinary department on finalising the conceptual and operational aspects of the KERs system

14 KERs

1	Event biosecurity
2	Veterinary services & facilities
3	Stable cleanliness and disinfection
4	Stable security & access control
5	Stable size
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7	Drinking water for horses in Stables
8	Fire precautions & safety procedures in Stables
9	Stable area circulation
10	Horse inspection
11	Medical services
12	Field of Play
13	Adequate availability to training/schooling
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11 FEI Veterinary Rules

11	Medical services

2 FEI General Regulations

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23 regulations across different FEI Disciplines' Rules

Regulatory references per KER – sufficient?

S. No.	KER	Regulatory reference
1	Event biosecurity	VR 1027 – Yes
2	Veterinary services & facilities	VR 1007.2 – Yes
3	Stable cleanliness and disinfection	VR 1008.5 – No. Inclusion of FEI Cleaning and Disinfection Protocol recommended to be added as an Annex and referenced in the rules
4	Stable security & access control	VR 1008.13-1008.16 – Yes
5	Stable size	VR 1008.1 – Yes
6	Stable ventilation	VR 1008.6 b) – No. Recommendation to develop a 1-2 page protocol and referenced in the rules
7	Drinking water for horses in Stables	VR 1008.6 d) – No. Recommendation to include aspects such as cleanliness, sufficient distribution and pressure, etc., in the rule; rule to be stand alone and grouped with feed
8	Fire precautions & safety procedures in Stables	VR 1008.6 e) – No. Recommendation to develop a brief protocol with attention on aspects such as prevention, detection & alarm, exit points, points of presence, etc.; referenced in the rules
9	Stable area circulation	VR 1008.6 g) – No. Storage and movement to be separated; new sub clause recommended around safe movement of horses and people, as well as considerations of aisle width
10	Horse inspection	VR 1011.2 - Yes

Regulatory references per KER – sufficient?

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11	Medical services	GR 109.10.1, 109.10.3 – Yes (for the time being). Work is in progress by the MC on a new guideline (to be referenced in the GRs when complete)
12	Field of Play	Jumping: 201.2 – No. Recommendation to reconsider indoor arena size which can be as short as 48*25, JC to discuss whether there is a need to continue with different min. sizes for indoor vs outdoor; should there be different size recommendations for different levels instead; Dressage: 411.3 - Yes; Para Dressage: 8407.2 - Yes; Vaulting: 715.1, .5, .7 – Yes; Driving and Para: 950, 960.2, 972.1.2, 960.7, Annex 1 - Yes; Endurance: 814.4.2 and .4, 813.1 - Yes; Eventing: Jumping-550, Dressage-542, XC-Annex B.2 – Yes
13	Adequate availability to training/schooling	Jumping: 201.3 – No. Recommendation to include a minimum size for warm-up, and for access to training in terms of min time per day outside of competition time, define maximum number of combinations at the same time in training area in relation to size ; Dressage: 418.2 - Yes; Para Dressage: 8415.2 - Yes; Vaulting: 715.2 – Yes; Endurance: No existing rule – Recommendation to include a regulation on Training (size and access); Driving and Para: 960.1.6, 960.1.7 – No. Recommendation to include a regulation related to warm-up; Eventing: 535.3, 535.4 – Yes
14	Footing	Jumping: Annex VI (mentions a non-referenced minimum standard); Dressage: 411.9; Para Dressage: 8407.8; Vaulting: 715.1; Eventing: Annex E mentions 'suitable footing' only for 5* events in Annex E; Endurance – 818.3 No rules changes proposed. In due course, the KER project team to propose a 1-2 page footing document, based on the FEI Footing Standard, relating back to the functional properties in a way that is relevant to the specifics of each discipline. Once approved by respective TCs, to be referenced in discipline rules similar to how it has been done for Dressage and Para Dressage.

Regulatory references per KER

The 14 KERs find references in 36 regulations across:

- FEI Veterinary Rules
- FEI General Regulations
- FEI Disciplines' Rules

Of the total 36 regulatory references, 9 required revisions

Rules revisions process initiated; to follow regular process to GA 2023

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- Use of existing post-event reporting system
- One ‘YES / NO’ question per KER in the relevant FEI Official report
  - Additionally an open text field for mentioning any supporting details
- Question includes the regulatory reference to the respective KER

Monitoring of each KER

No.	KER	Monitoring
1	**Event biosecurity**	**VDR Section 2**: Was event biosecurity managed in accordance with FEI Veterinary Regulations **Article 1027**?
2	**Veterinary services & facilities**	**VDR Section 3**: Were Veterinary services & facilities in accordance with FEI Veterinary Regulations **Article 1007.2**?
3	**Stable cleanliness and disinfection**	**VDR Section 2**: Were the stables cleaned, disinfected, and sealed in accordance with FEI Veterinary Regulations **Article 1008.5**?
4	**Stable security & access control**	**VDR Section 2**: Was Stable security & access control' managed entirely in accordance with FEI Veterinary Regulations **Articles 1008.13-1008.16**? *(Answer choices to include NA)*
5	**Stable size**	**VDR Section 2**: Was the stable size in accordance with FEI Veterinary Regulations **Article 1008.1**?
6	**Stable ventilation**	**VDR Section 2** (new sub section): Was stable ventilation in accordance with FEI Veterinary Regulations **Article 1008.6 b**)?
7	**Drinking water for horses in Stables**	**VDR Section 2** (new sub section): Was drinking water for horses provided in stables in accordance with FEI Veterinary Regulations **Article 1008.6 h**)?
8	**Fire precautions & safety procedures in Stables**	**VDR Section 2** (new sub section): Were fire precautions & safety procedures in stables in accordance with FEI Veterinary Regulations Article **1008.6 e**)?
9	**Stable area circulation**	**CSR for each discipline** (new sub section): Was Stable area circulation in accordance with FEI Veterinary Regulations **Article 1008.6 g) and j**)?

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Article 1007
Veterinary Services

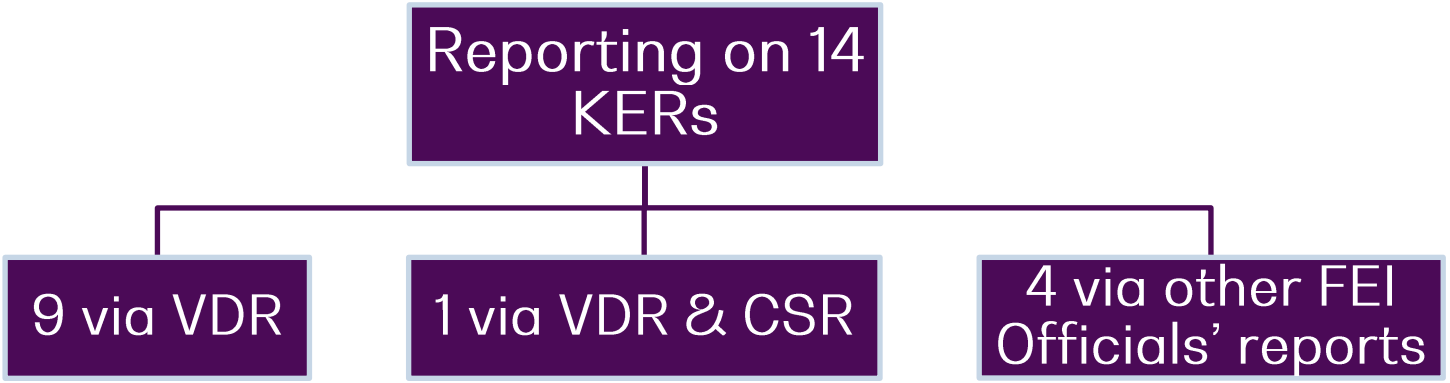
1. The provision of veterinary services must be organised by the VSM, supported by the OC and supervised by the VC/VD. The VSM or a TV must be available during the On-Site Preparation Period and present on the Event venue during the Horse arrival times.

2. The following veterinary services must be available for all Horses at all times during Events:
   a) effective communication method(s) for all VDs and the team of PTVs including, a radio and mobile phones for backup;
   b) an equine referral clinic with diagnostic imaging, endoscopy and surgical facilities must be pre-notified and on standby to receive sick or injured Horses;
   c) at least one TV must be appointed for every 200 horses at the venue;
   d) at least one PTV available 24 hours a day;
   e) at least one PTV adjacent to the Competition area during all competitions and prize giving ceremonies;
   f) at least one PTV present during all training times;
   g) a qualified and experienced farrier;
   h) veterinary equipment (e.g. medication and euthanasia agents, intravenous fluids, consumables and limb stabilisation equipment);

Monitoring of each KER

No.	KER	Monitoring
10	**Horse inspection**	**VDR Section 7 + CSR of each discipline:** Were the conditions for the horse inspection in accordance with FEI Veterinary Regulations **Articles 1011.2**? *KER is met when both the VD and the CS mark a 'YES' to this question.*
11	**Medical services**	New section in **FJR (Jumping, Dressage, PD, Vaulting), TDR (Eventing, Driving, Endurance)**: Were 'Medical services' provided in accordance with FEI General Regulations **Article 109.10.1 and 109.10.3**? *For TDR Eventing, additional reference to FEI Eventing Rules Annex D will be made.*
12	**Field of Play**	New section in FJR (**Jumping, Dressage, PD, Vaulting**), TDR (**Eventing, Driving, Endurance**): Was the FoP in accordance with FEI Discipline Rules Article XX? E.g. for Dressage: Was the FoP in accordance with FEI Dressage Rules **Article 411.3**? *In case of Dressage, PD, Vaulting championships, the question will be in the TDR.*
13	**Adequate access to training/schooling**	New section in FJR (**Jumping, Dressage, PD, Vaulting**), TDR (**Eventing, Driving, Endurance**): Was the FoP in accordance with FEI Discipline Rules Article XX? E.g. for Jumping: Was training/schooling in accordance with FEI Jumping Rules **Article 201.3**? *In case of Dressage, PD, Vaulting championships, the question will be in the TDR.*
14	**Footing**	New section in **CDR (Jumping ECS), FJR (Jumping, Dressage, PD, Vaulting), TDR (Eventing, Driving, Endurance)**: E.g. Was the footing in accordance with FEI Discipline Rules Article XX?

Monitoring of KERs – Summary



Jumping	Endurance	All other Disciplines
• All 14 KERs reported via online reports	• 13 KERs reported via online reports • 1 KER reported via PDF/Word report	• 9 KERs reported via online reports (all VDR based) • 5 KERs reported via PDF/Word reports

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Follow-up process

FEI Officials reports submitted within 15 days after the conclusion of the event

Within further max. 15 days

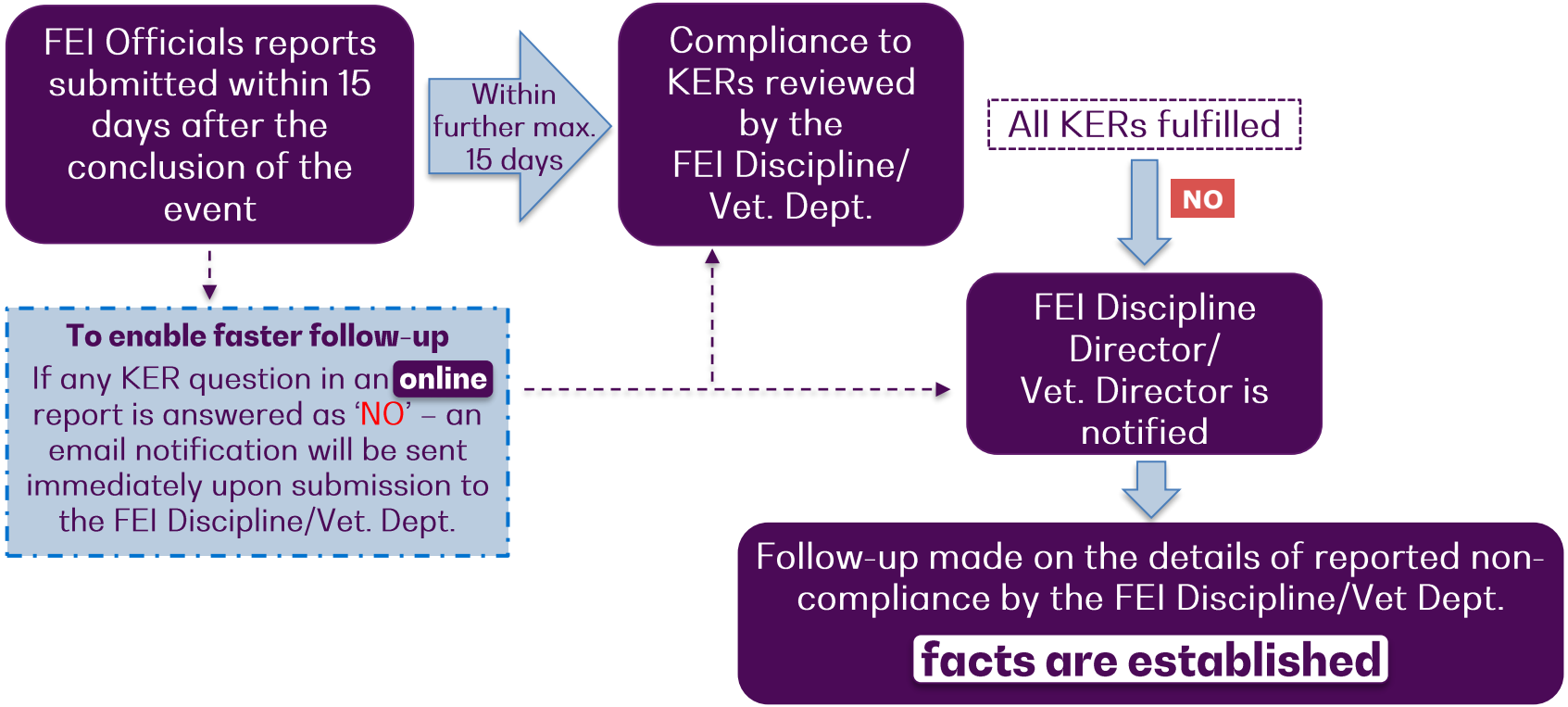
Compliance to KERs reviewed by the FEI Discipline/ Vet. Dept.

All KERs fulfilled

YES

All is well
No further action required

Follow-up process



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Addressing Non-compliance

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- Were you aware about this issue (quoting regulation(s) to the KERs)?
- Should this issue not be resolved, there is a risk of not being accepted in next year's calendar (quoting FEI GRs Articles 109.13.1 and 112.3)

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Using an FEI provided template, OC to submit a **'formal commitment'** to resolve the issue(s) and support it with a clear plan including timelines. This will include language such as:

- OC commits to implement the stated plan before the next running of the event.

Concerned NF is kept informed throughout the process

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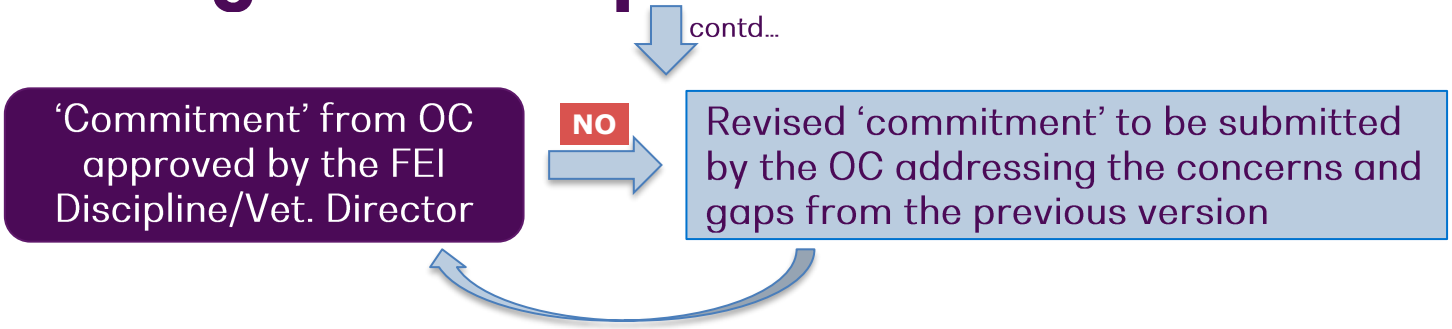

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‘Commitment’ from OC approved by the FEI Discipline/Vet. Director

YES

Next year’s event* application is ‘approved’ in the FEI calendar

*Event = Same venue, delivered by the same / related OC

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Detail(s) shared with the NF and the relevant FEI Officials responsible for reporting on the respective KERs in question, for next year’s event

In case the same non-compliant KER(s) from year X is reported as not complied with in year X+1, despite the ‘commitment’

The calendar status for the event in year X+2 becomes ‘On-hold’

Another ‘commitment’ will not be accepted

OC will be required to provide proof of issues resolved, ascertained by for e.g. a TD visit on OC expense, before the application for year X+2 is accepted

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YES

Ongoing/next event continues

However,

FEI GRs 112.3 apply

Future events, where there is sufficient time to run the 'commitment' process are put on hold until resolution of issues

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NO

FEI GRs 109.13.1 apply

Ongoing/next event is cancelled

Next steps

- Ongoing follow-up with relevant TCs on the rules revisions proposed, ensuring that these are included for NF feedback by 28 June 2023 deadline
  - July-October, follow-up during rules process

- August-December: Communication and education about the KER system for Organisers, FEI Officials and FEI Discipline and Veterinary Dept. Reports Administrators

- Rules revisions voted on at the GA 2023

- **Launch of the KER system from 1 Jan 2024**

Other event delivery aspects

Other event aspects considered through event standards consultations have been/will be addressed in due course, with guidelines, promotion of best practice, and education.

Three examples are presented on the following pages.

Facilities, Services & Conditions for Grooms

Section on Grooms' services included in the FEI Event Organiser Guidelines

HAPPY GROOMS = HAPPY HORSES

Grooms Accommodation

In many cases Grooms will stay in their Horse lorries/transporters. In this instance ideally parking for these should be as close as possible to the stables with electric hook-ups made available.

If accommodation is provided this should preferably be on a single occupancy basis unless Grooms are given the opportunity to share with friends/colleagues/fellow team Grooms. If this accommodation is not on or very near to the venue then the Organiser should provide shuttle transport operating throughout the stables opening period each day.

Toilet & Shower Facilities

Sufficient, clean and well-maintained toilets must be provided, as should showers when Grooms are staying on-site These facilities should be close to the stables area and/or lorry parking as appropriate.

Catering

Food for Grooms must be readily available, healthy (eg. including salads) and varied, with any meal service being at appropriate times according to the show/competition timetable ie. not only during key competitions. Food, including 'grab and go' meal options and snacks, should be available close to the stables areas. If possible Organisers should consider providing food free of charge for Grooms. However if this is not possible at least provision of water and tea/coffee is strongly encouraged.

If the tap water is drinkable, provision can be made for cups or refillable bottles and efforts made to ensure the Grooms are aware the water is safe to drink.

Accessibility at Events

Launch of the new FEI Accessibility Handbook for Event Organisers

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General Accessibility Considerations

The key to the success of any accessibility initiative is to ensure that people with disabilities have the necessary access to participate in and enjoy sports Events.

While accessibility considerations for sports Events are often focused on the athlete, it is also important that other stakeholder groups are also be taken into account at every stage of the planning, organisational and implementation phases. People with physical disabilities can be part of an athlete's entourage, and failure to provide for them can result in significant barriers to participation.

It is important to consider accessibility from the start and to see which Event aspects are impacted. It takes more time and effort to fix accessibility issues once an Event is up and running. When accessibility is incorporated at the start of the process, and a fully accessible venue is considered from the start, Organising Committees can optimise results and minimise the resources needed.

Accessibility Consultants

- Consideration should be given to involving a Disability Access Consultant who is trained to identify potential accessibility issues – preferably from lived experience – and who can advise on best practice of national legal obligations at the early stages of the Event planning process.
- It is also important to have one person on the Organising team responsible for championing accessibility and who can react quickly to any issues affecting people with disabilities during the Event.

Event Accessibility Checklist

Event Communications

Making the commitment to openly communicate about accessibility is the first step in ensuring that people with disabilities feel welcome at Events.

Event venue / Field of Play considerations

Venue accessibility is key to making the equestrian sporting experience inclusive to everyone attending and working at the Event. It is important that the Organising Committee tests alternate routes, physical infrastructure and other accessible services prior to the start of the Event. As the accessibility requirements may be slightly different from one host nation to another, it is important that Organisers research local and national regulations at the start of the planning process.

- Cabling
  - Cable bridges at Events can sometimes be too high for a wheelchair to pass over easily. Lower cable bridges or longer ramps should be considered to allow for better wheelchair accessibility.
  - If this is not possible, an alternate, barrier free route must be clearly indicated and tested for practicality and efficiency prior to the start of the Event.
  - In the case of indoor venues and where possible, consideration could be given to running cables through the ceiling to allow for unobstructed pathways for people with reduced mobility.
- Parking Spaces
  - On average there should be around one disabled parking space for every 10 regular parking positions.
  - Parking should be located close to the key entrances to the venue.
- Signage
  - Graphic elements comply with accessibility standards in terms of colour contrast, size of letters, position of signs etc.
  - Wayfinding signage complies with accessibility standards such as the use of international symbols, use of Braille and raised lettering, glare free, high contrast, Arabic numerals and sans serif lettering.
  - Wayfinding signage to highlight accessible pathways and service.
- Sport & Media Areas
  - Accessible criteria, including all connecting pathways, are met for all athlete areas: locker rooms, warm-up areas, field of play, mixed zone, doping control, medal presentation, press conference, athletes lounge, seating areas.
  - Adequate accessible seating (with necessary shade) is available for athletes, team officials, press attaches, members of the press.
  - All briefing areas must be large enough to accommodate a wheelchair and have a ramp to enter the room.

Sustainability at Events

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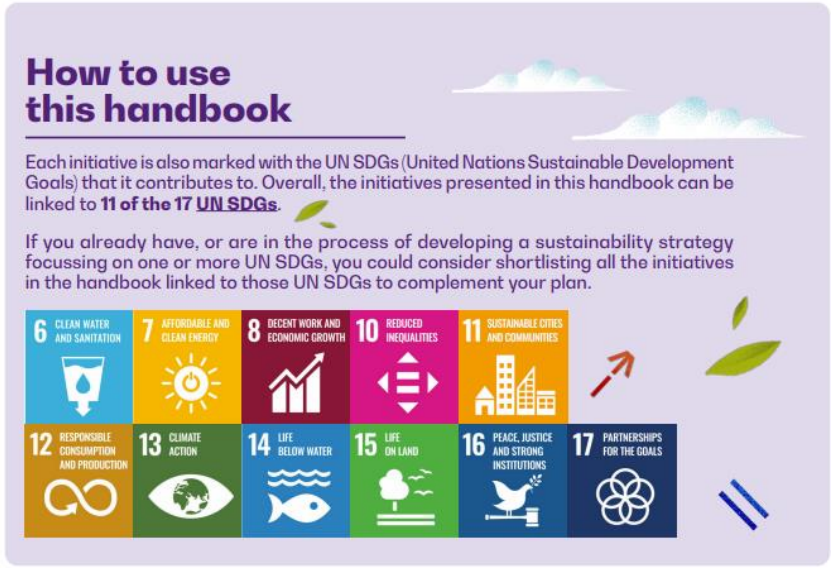

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