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## FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2012, ISTANBUL (TUR), 5-8 NOVEMBER

### Power of Attorney

National Federations that have not yet sent the **Power of Attorney form (Form B)** link for the FEI General Assembly in Istanbul (TUR) are kindly reminded to forward it no later than

**Tuesday, 6 November 2012 (9am EET-Istanbul / 8am CET -Lausanne)**

**by fax +41 21 310 47 60 or by email to [feigeneralassembly@fei.org](mailto:feigeneralassembly@fei.org)**. Please note that after this date, NFs that have not complied will not be able to vote at the FEI General Assembly.

### FEI promotional items

There will be no possibility of buying FEI promotional items in Istanbul because of import regulations. However, samples will be available and orders can be placed at the FEI Welcome Desk during the General Assembly. These items, and others, can be ordered through the FEI online shop, which is to be launched soon.

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## 2013 DRAFT SCHEDULES

We have already informed you that the Draft Schedules to be used for the 2013 season can only be finalised after approval of the Rule changes at the 2012 FEI General Assembly.

However, FEI Headquarters are already preparing the new 2013 Draft Schedules so that **when** the Rules are finalised they can be published as soon as possible.

We intend to publish the final version of the 2013 Draft Schedules by the end of November 2012. From 1 January 2013, we will only accept schedules established on the

Draft Schedules, version 2013. Consequently, until 31 December 2012, we will accept schedules established on the forms that were valid for 2012.

We are sure you will appreciate this decision and would be grateful if the NFs could inform their Staff and International Organisers accordingly.

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## VETERINARY

### Advice - Transport of FEI horses within Europe

EU Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 concerns the requirements to protect animals during transport within the Member States of the European Union. Some of these requirements do not apply to "registered horses" (defined in Council Directive 90/427/EEC). FEI horses in possession of an FEI passport or an FEI recognition card (with an EU approved passport), are in effect "registered", therefore can be transported without being subject to some of the provisions of Regulation 1/2005. This is in recognition of the fact that the transport is most likely taking place for competition, races, cultural events or for breeding, as the Regulation does not fully apply to the transport of animals that is not taking place in connection with an economic activity. The term "economic activity" has not yet been defined by the EU. Equine transport thought to be engaged in "economic activity" can therefore be stopped by the authorities and checked to see if it complies with the provisions of Regulation 1/2005. The most common reason for transporting FEI horses is for FEI competition. The derogations for "registered horses" certainly do not mean that horses can travel to competition in transport that is not suitable for horses or undergo excessively long journeys. Individuals cannot claim travel to competition as a means to actually conducting an "economic activity" and avoiding the provisions of 1/2005.

Competitors who travelled through EU Member states to compete at FEI events during the summer regularly reported that Member States required different types of proof that transport was not being used for an "economic activity". Some reports have highlighted that if there is not an easily shown connection between the vehicle, its ownership and the ownership of horses in it and no clear intention that the horses are being transported for competition, racing, cultural events or for breeding, the authorities can claim that the vehicles and horses are subject to 1/2005. These vehicle checks often take place by the roadside.

The FEI therefore asks National Federations to advise people travelling with their horses across Europe to be properly prepared before starting their journey. They must be able to establish immediately that the vehicle and horses in it are exempt from 1/2005.

The principle is that equines must be transported in suitable vehicles. If the documents accompanying the vehicle and the horses do not make it clear that the transportation is related to competition, races, cultural events or for breeding purposes, then correct statements making this clear must be made in writing before the journey starts. After a vehicle has been stopped and a fine imposed, it is much more complicated and time-consuming to make these arguments. Under EU requirements, all horses must travel with valid passports, either an FEI passport, or an FEI recognition card AND an EU-approved passport.

Some examples of situations where clear documentation is needed are

- If the owner of the horses might appear to be different from the owner of the transport and not connected with the driver, a clear statement accompanies the horses and vehicle establishing that the horses are not being moved for an economic activity, but for competition, races, cultural events or breeding. If the driver is renting the vehicle, this must also be easily proved.
  - If a company owns a vehicle, all company personnel can drive and use the vehicle to transport the horses linked to that company. That connection must be easily demonstrated.
  - Employed drivers of vehicles must be able to prove they are employed to move horses for a "non-economic activity".
  - Members of the same family involved in the movement of the horses should be able to prove their relationship with each other, specifically the relationship to the family member in whose name the vehicle is registered.
  - For further information please see the following information on the [EU Website](#).
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## DRIVING

### **New Dressage Test for Driving (Horse Pairs and Four-in-hand)**

The test, valid from 1 January 2013, is published on our [website](#).

## PARA-EQUESTRIAN DRESSAGE

### **New Team and Individual Championships tests**

New Team and Individual Championships tests for Para-Equestrian Dressage will be valid for all Grades from 1 January 2013.

A new Freestyle test for Grade III will also be valid from 1 January 2013.

All tests are published on our [website](#).

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## OLYMPIC GAMES

### **Olympic Review London souvenir**

The Olympic Review London souvenir issue is now available in its electronic format in the news section on [www.olympic.org](http://www.olympic.org).

In this issue we relive the magical moments of the London 2012 Olympic Games from the outstanding sporting performances to the dazzling celebrations. Enjoy the day-by-day diary of the events that made the headlines during the 16 days of competition in the British capital. And do not miss the click-throughs to videos and photo galleries!

Athlete interviews and profiles as well as stunning imagery of the Games action including a “Leaping from the Page” spread of 3D photos are also featured.

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