

## PROPOSALS FOR 2020 RULES CHANGES VETERINARY REGULATIONS

### Article No. 1004.1c – Prohibited Methods

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

- **IRL NF:** suggest a change to the wording as follows:
1. Horses are not permitted to compete in FEI Events:
    - a) with hyposensitive or hypersensitive areas of the body;
    - b) with a tracheotomy/tracheostomy (i.e. an existing surgical opening through the skin into the trachea);
    - 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); and
    - d) following blood doping, or similar methods.

#### FEI FEEDBACK

The FEI is in agreement with the suggestion which will be incorporated into the text.

#### Proposed Wording

1. Horses are not permitted to compete in FEI Events:
  - a) with hyposensitive or hypersensitive areas of the body;
  - b) with a tracheotomy/tracheostomy (i.e. an existing surgical opening through the skin into the trachea);
  - 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); and
  - d) following blood doping, or similar methods.

### Article No. 1004.1h – Events with Borrowed Horses

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

- **INTERNATIONAL JUMPING OFFICIALS CLUB:** believes this to be a well-meant rule but the practicalities are not. Horses on tours need to be clipped for cleanliness, cooling and tidiness. If away from home stables for more than a few weeks an alternative rule is required. They suggest that an application should be made to the Chief Steward and VD, so that the monitoring of the clipping can be carried out at a venue. The FEI still should only allow clipping of body and not shaving/clipping of legs in any circumstances.

#### FEI FEEDBACK

The current rule allows the clipping of the body and prevents the shaving/clipping of the limbs and no change in the article is needed. An investigation into other possible methods of control is currently taking place.

#### Proposed Wording

No change to original wording

### Article No. 1007.2 – Veterinary Services

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

##### Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:

The FEI would like to ensure that ambulances are ready for use when needed and there are no delays in attending horses.

#### Proposed Wording

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 their team of PTVs including, a radio and mobile phones for backup;
  - b) an equine referral clinic with diagnostic imaging and surgical facilities must be pre-notified and on standby to receive sick or injured Horses;
  - c) at least one PTV available 24 hours a day;
  - d) at least one PTV adjacent to the Competition area during all competitions and prize giving ceremonies;
  - e) at least one PTV present during all training times;
  - f) a qualified and experienced farrier;
  - g) veterinary equipment (e.g. medication and euthanasia agents, intravenous fluids, consumables and limb stabilisation equipment);
  - h) Support personnel familiar with and rehearsed in the necessary emergency procedures must be available to assist the PTV (e.g. erecting screens around injured Horses and operating a low-loading transporter or Horse ambulance);
  - h)j) Horse ambulances must be hooked up to a suitable towing vehicle with a trained driver immediately available

### Article No. 1008.2 – Stables

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

##### Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:

The FEI would like to ensure that Testing Boxes remain clean and are ready to be used by the Testing Officials.

#### Proposed Wording

2. A minimum of two stables of at least 3x3m, labelled as 'Testing Boxes' must be provided in a safe and quiet area. They must be secured after having been appropriately cleaned. For Competitions in which there are fewer than 10 Horses entered, it is acceptable to provide only one Testing Box. They must contain clean bedding and it must be possible to observe the Horse being sampled from outside the Testing Box. If the Testing Boxes are constructed on grass, a rubber matting

floor must be installed. Additional Testing Boxes may be requested by the Testing Veterinarian or FEI Veterinary Department.

### Article No. 1029 – Biosecurity at FEI Events

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

##### **Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:**

The FEI would like to ensure that horses competing in FEI events are not at risk from developing neurological Equine Herpes Virus through close contact with other horses at the event site. In addition, the FEI would like to prohibit equine reproductive activities at FEI events since specific importation requirements would need to be met which extends beyond the purpose of travel for competition.

#### Proposed Wording

1. The VD/VC must ensure the Examination on Arrival is carried out according to Article 1031.
2. While Horses are present on the Event venue, their temperature should be taken at least once daily and recorded by the PR. Any change in the health status of the Horse should be immediately reported to the VD.
3. OCs must provide Isolation Stables as described in Article 1008 and a contingency plan according to Article 1018 should an infectious disease outbreak occur.
4. Horses must be stabled in the isolation stables if they show any clinical signs of infectious disease, or have been in contact with other Horses that show clinical signs of infectious disease. These Horses must be refused permission to enter the Event stables and stabled in isolation stables pending recovery, or until alternative arrangements have been made.
5. Horse(s) developing clinical signs of infectious disease must be immediately managed according to Article 1078.
6. Horses recently recovered from an illness, or suspected of illness during an Event, must be reported to the VC/VD. On the written recommendation of the VC/VD and in accordance with the GRs and VRs, the GJ will decide whether the Horse may compete or continue to compete at the Event.
7. Horses that show clinical signs of neurological Equine Herpes Virus, or have been in-contact with such Horses, will not be allowed to access FEI Events by the VC/VD and GJ. Any affected or in-contact Horse may not be entered in future FEI Events until they have fulfilled health requirements as determined by the FEI Veterinary Department.
- 6-8. No equine reproductive activity may take place at FEI Events.

### Article No. 1036 – Horse Inspection Panel

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

**PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM NFs AND/OR SHs AND AGREED TO BY TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:**

- **Alliance of Driving Organisers:**

Combined with proposal for Art. 1035: If first horse inspection is in-harness before dressage there is no member of the GJ available. In this case the horse inspection should be done by the VD supported by a steward

**FEI FEEDBACK**

The FEI is in agreement with the proposed change.

**Proposed Wording**

**In Harness Inspection**

- One member of the GJ or a Steward
- One Treating Veterinarian

**In Harness Inspection Before Cones**

- One member of the GJ or a Steward
- VD or VC

**Article No. 1036 – Horse Inspection Panel**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

**Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:**

The FEI would like to clarify the Panel Members concerning Horse Inspections for Jumping.

**Proposed Wording**

**First and any Further Horse Inspections**

- ~~Members of the GJ~~ President of the GJ and Foreign Judge
- VD or VC

**Article No. 1037 – Presentation of Horses**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

- **SUI NF:** would strongly recommend prohibiting or regulating the length of ropes of the handlers as their ends are often used like a whip.

**FEI FEEDBACK**

Following discussion the FEI believes that using of ropes for any purpose other than control of the horse is unacceptable but long lines are for some horses a valuable safety issue.

**Proposed Wording**

No change to original wording

**Article No. 1037 – Schedule of Events****Explanation for Proposed Change**

- **INTERNATIONAL DRESSAGE OFFICIALS CLUB:** would like to suggest that for safety reasons, ear plugs/hoods should be permitted during vet inspection. The sole purpose of the vet check is to assess fitness to compete; possible health concerns (e.g. ring worms) should be identified during the inspection on arrival.

**FEI FEEDBACK**

Following discussion, the FEI is in favour of the proposal.

**Proposed Wording**

1. Horses are presented for Horse Inspections by the Athlete, driver, lunger or groom (the "Handler") who must be suitably dressed for handling Horses.
2. For all Dressage and Eventing competitions and for Jumping FEI World Cup™ Finals, Championships and Games, the PR must present his own Horse(s) at the Horse inspection, unless the PR has been excused from this requirement in advance by the President of the GJ.
3. Chefs d'Equipe, when present, must accompany their team Horses, in addition to their grooms and/or their Athletes.
4. Horses' competition number must be clearly displayed.
5. All Horses must be presented for the Horse Inspection in a controlled and safe manner. This normally requires a bridle unless Discipline regulations permit a halter. Any equipment used for presentation of the Horse must be in accordance with the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse and its use is at the discretion of the GJ.
6. Handlers may carry a whip of up to 120cm only, if necessary, in the disciplines of Jumping, Eventing, Dressage, Reining, Vaulting and Para-Dressage.
7. Handlers may not carry a whip in the disciplines of Driving and Endurance.
8. No Horse may be presented with its identity concealed in any manner by application of paint or dye for example.
9. Horses are not permitted to wear bandages or blankets/rugs or equivalent.
10. Horses may wear ear hoods or plugs at Dressage and Para Dressage Horse Inspections.

**Article No. 1037 – Presentation of Horses****Explanation for Proposed Change****Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:**

The FEI proposes to allow six reserve Horses to be presented at the Second Horse Inspection at Dressage Championships and Games. This is to ensure there are the correct number of qualified athlete/horse combinations in the Final Competition.

**Proposed Wording**

1. Horses are presented for Horse Inspections by the Athlete, driver, lunger or groom (the "Handler") who must be suitably dressed for handling Horses.
2. For all Dressage and Eventing competitions and for Jumping FEI World Cup™ Finals, Championships and Games, the PR must present his own Horse(s) at the Horse inspection, unless the PR has been excused from this requirement in advance by the President of the GJ.
3. Chefs d'Equipe, when present, must accompany their team Horses, in addition to their grooms and/or their Athletes.
4. Horses' competition number must be clearly displayed.
5. All Horses must be presented for the Horse Inspection in a controlled and safe manner. This normally requires a bridle unless Discipline regulations permit a halter. Any equipment used for presentation of the Horse must be in accordance with the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse and its use is at the discretion of the GJ.
6. Handlers may carry a whip of up to 120cm only, if necessary, in the disciplines of Jumping, Eventing, Dressage, Reining, Vaulting and Para-Dressage.
7. Handlers may not carry a whip in the disciplines of Driving and Endurance.
8. No Horse may be presented with its identity concealed in any manner by application of paint or dye for example.
9. Horses are not permitted to wear bandages or blankets/rugs or equivalent.
10. [A maximum of six reserve Horses may be presented at the Second Horse Inspection for Dressage at Championships and Games.](#)

#### **Article No. 1062 – Treatments with non-oral medication and therapies not included on the ESPL**

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

- **GBR NF:** The NF proposes that since a Veterinary Form B is not required for oral products, logically it should be restricted to injectable products only. It is therefore suggested that inhaled products which are not on the ESPL should not require a form.
- **IJOC:** They believe there is confusion as to whether the use of nebulised substances requires a Veterinary Form B.

##### **FEI FEEDBACK**

Following discussion the FEI is in favour of maintaining the current rule where the use of nebulised substances are to be supported with a Veterinary Form B. It is considered an important control measure to support any potential abuse of the regulation.

##### **Proposed Wording**

No change to original wording

**Article No. 1064 – Non-Restricted Supportive therapies****Explanation for Proposed Change**

- **ITA NF:** The NF proposes that the term 'kinesiotaping' should be changed to 'kinesiology taping' and that it should be listed as a Restricted Supportive Therapy rather than an Non-Restricted Supportive Therapy. They understand the therapy to be not safe is carried out by untrained persons.

**FEI FEEDBACK**

The FEI is not in favour of making the suggested changes to the wording and see no need to change the classification of the therapy.

**Proposed Wording**

No change to original wording

**Article No. 1064 – Non-Restricted Supportive Therapies****Explanation for Proposed Change****Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:**

The FEI would like to provide clarity in that Non-Restricted Supportive Therapies may take place in the Horse's stable.

**Proposed Wording**

1. Non-Restricted Supportive Therapies include:
  - a) static magnetic equipment (e.g. magnetic rugs, magnetic leg and neck wraps);
  - b) low frequency pulsed electromagnetic field (PEMF) machines (e.g. battery powered magnetic rugs and leg wraps, cytowave);
  - c) laser therapy using lasers of classes I to III;
  - d) massage and massage equipment (e.g. equissage);
  - e) cooling equipment;
  - f) light emitting diode (LED) therapy devices;
  - g) cooling and heating pads;
  - h) ionic boots;
  - i) kinesio-taping; and
  - j) vibration plates.
2. Non-Restricted Supportive Therapies may be carried out by PRs, additional PRs and/or Support Personnel. PRs, additional PRs and/or Support Personnel must only carry out Non-Restricted Supportive Therapies on Horses they are directly responsible for.
3. PRs, additional PRs and/or Support Personnel must seek specific approval from the VC/VD to carry out any therapies not listed above.
4. The carrying out of Non-Restricted Supportive Therapies and associated equipment are subject to routine checks by the VC/VD, Stewards and other FEI Officials.

5. The use of PEMF machines is only permitted if their electromagnetic field is below 0.1 Tesla (1000 Gauss).
6. Cooling with ice and water is not permitted if the temperature is below 0°C.
7. Cooling with machines and other cooling equipment is only permitted if the VC/VD can lock the devices so the temperature does not fall below 0°C.
8. It is not permitted to insert ice or cold water into the Horse's rectum.
9. Non-Restricted Supportive Therapies may be carried out in the Horse's stable.

### Article No. 1065 – Restricted Supportive Therapies

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

##### **Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:**

The FEI would like to provide clarity in that Restricted Supportive Therapies may take place in the Horse's stable.

#### Proposed Wording

1. Restricted Supportive Therapies include:
  - a) electrical current devices (e.g. TENS machines, NMES and H-wave);
  - b) therapeutic ultrasound therapy\*;
  - c) vacuum therapy;
  - d) diathermy; and
  - e) physical therapies (e.g. physiotherapy, acupuncture, trigger point massage, myofascial release, osteopathy, chiropractic and spinal manipulation).

\*Therapeutic ultrasound may be carried out by PRs, Additional PRs and/or Support Personnel provided they have obtained prior written permission of a PET or PTV with a suitable qualification.
2. Restricted Supportive Therapies may only be carried out by a Permitted Equine Therapist or a PTV who has undergone specific training in the therapy they are carrying out.
3. The carrying out of Restricted Supportive Therapies and associated equipment are subject to routine checks by the VC/VD, Stewards and other FEI Officials.
4. The VD may not approve the use of Restricted Therapies should the Horse's welfare be compromised.
5. Equine Permitted Therapists or PTVs must seek specific approval from the VC/VD to carry out any therapies not listed above.
6. Restricted Supportive Therapies may be carried out in the Horse's stable.

### Article No. 1068 – Sampling

#### Explanation for Proposed Change



**Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:**

The FEI would like to provide clarity in the Veterinary Regulations that evading, refusing or failing to submit to sample collection is a violation of the EADCMRs.

**Proposed Wording**

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.

**Article No. 1081 – Post mortem examinations**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

- **SUI NF:** believe 650 euros is not enough to cover the full cost of a full post mortem examination and transport.

**FEI FEEDBACK**

Following discussion the FEI The FEI considers this figure to be reasonable and additional funds are available where necessary. No change to the article is needed.

**Proposed Wording**

No change to original wording

**Article No. 1082-1088 – Pony Measuring**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

**Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:**

The FEI proposes a new pony measuring system, in which measuring will take place away from FEI events. The new system has been established to reduce the stress of measuring

ponies at events and to remove the height tolerance. Removing the height tolerance prevent ponies that exceed the regulatory height from competing in pony events and prevent ponies that have measured-in at appeal measurements from being measured out at in-competition measurements.

#### **Proposed Wording**

The changes to the rules concerning Pony Measuring are extensive. Please kindly refer to the marked up version of the Veterinary Regulations.

### **Article No. 1082-1088 – Pony Measuring**

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

- **BEL NF:** suggests that if ponies past a certain age are “measured in” at different times by Measuring Veterinarians during FEI events they should receive the status of “pony that doesn’t need to be measured again”. This avoids stress to the ponies at competitions and is reassuring towards, for example, a championship for the entourage of the pony in question. They propose that: If, as of the age of 8 years (after the year in which the pony became 7 years), a pony has been measured in at least 3 times during FEI events and according to the procedure of this article 1085, in which he passed the horse inspection and competed in at least 2 classes, the pony can never be measured out again.
- **SUI NF:** reports that the procedure for pony measuring is inadequate. OCs are not well enough prepared for the measuring of pony at competition, source of many complaints and legal problems. Appeal measurements performed on ponies after they have qualified for a Championship is definitely too late in the pony’s life.

#### **FEI FEEDBACK**

A review of the pony measuring system has taken place and a new proposal will be presented in this chapter of the Veterinary Regulations.

#### **Proposed Wording**

The changes to the pony measuring regulations are extensive. Please kindly refer to the marked-up version of the Veterinary Regulations.

### **Article No. 1099 – Responsibilities**

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

#### **Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:**

The FEI proposes to clarify that where stables must be provided by the OC, they must be used to stable horses participating in the event.

#### **Proposed Wording**

1. PRs must ensure that they and their Horse(s) comply with all aspects of these VRs, and EADCMRs including but not limited to:
  - a) the FEI Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse;

- 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 1008.7;
- 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.

#### Article No. 1101 – Permitted Treating Veterinarians

##### Explanation for Proposed Change

- **SUI NF:** believes a meeting between the PTVs and Official Veterinarian should be mandatory at every show.

##### FEI FEEDBACK

There is already a requirement for a meeting with PTVs to take place, described by Article 1108.5. No change to the article is needed.

##### Proposed Wording

No change to original wording

#### Article No. 1102 – Official Veterinarians

##### Explanation for Proposed Change

##### Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:

The FEI would like to make a change to the wording regarding the listing of Official Veterinarians for clarity and to prevent misinterpretation.

##### Proposed Wording

1. Only OV's can act as FEI veterinary officials at FEI Events.

2. ~~The following groups of veterinarians are considered as Official Veterinarians—may assume the following roles:~~
  - National Head Veterinarian (NHV);
  - Veterinary Delegate/Foreign Veterinary Delegate (VD/FVD);
  - Additional Veterinary Delegate (AVD);
  - Endurance Official Veterinarian (EOV);
  - Endurance Veterinary Treating Official (EVT);
  - Testing Veterinarian;
  - Holding Box Veterinarian;
  - Measuring Veterinarian; and
  - Examining Veterinarian.
3. OVs 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.
4. OVs 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. OVs must not treat any Horses at the Event, including in national classes, unless in an absolute emergency.
5. The retirement age for all OVs to end their officiating function is 75 years old.

#### **Article No. 1102 – Official Veterinarians**

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

##### **Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:**

The FEI would like to provide clarity in that EVTOS can be assigned as VSM at Endurance events.

#### **Proposed Wording**

1. Only OVs can act as FEI veterinary officials at FEI Events.
2. Official Veterinarians may assume the following roles:
  - National Head Veterinarian (NHV);
  - Veterinary Delegate/Foreign Veterinary Delegate (VD/FVD);
  - Additional Veterinary Delegate (AVD);
  - Endurance Official Veterinarian (EOV);
  - Endurance Veterinary Treating Official (EVT);
  - Testing Veterinarian;
  - Holding Box Veterinarian;
  - Measuring Veterinarian; and
  - Examining Veterinarian.
3. OVs 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.  
EVTOS may be assigned as the VSM at Endurance Events.
4. OVs 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. OVs must not treat any Horses at the Event, including in national classes, unless in an absolute emergency.
5. The retirement age for all OVs to end their officiating function is 75 years old.

## Article No. [101] – National Events (CN)

### Explanation for Proposed Change

#### **Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:**

The FEI proposes to remove the age limit of Official Veterinarians. The age limit will no longer be applied and replaced by a competency based evaluation system as of 2020.

### Proposed Wording

1. Only OVs can act as FEI veterinary officials at FEI Events.
2. Official Veterinarians may assume the following roles:
  - National Head Veterinarian (NHV);
  - Veterinary Delegate/Foreign Veterinary Delegate (VD/FVD);
  - Additional Veterinary Delegate (AVD);
  - Endurance Official Veterinarian (EOV);
  - Endurance Veterinary Treating Official (EVT);
  - Testing Veterinarian;
  - Holding Box Veterinarian;
  - Measuring Veterinarian; and
  - Examining Veterinarian.
3. OVs 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.
4. OVs 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. OVs must not treat any Horses at the Event, including in national classes, unless in an absolute emergency.
5. ~~The retirement age for all OVs to end their officiating function is 75 years old.~~

## Article No. 1108.3 – Veterinary Delegates

### Explanation for Proposed Change

#### **Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:**

The FEI would like to determine how long it is necessary for the Veterinary Delegate to remain on the Event site at the end of competition to ensure all duties have been fulfilled.

### Proposed Wording

3. VDs must be:

- a) in attendance at the Event the day before the first Horse Inspection until the end of the Period of the Event; and
- b) available for consultation at any time before and during the Period of the Event.

### Article No. [1120.1] – Appointments at Major Events

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

**Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:**

The FEI would like to grant an exception to the requirement of a full Veterinary Commission at Vaulting World Cup Finals since only small numbers of horses compete in these events.

#### Proposed Wording

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 OVVs in accordance with the relevant requirements.

### Article No. 1121 – Rotation of FEI Veterinarians

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

- **ITA NF:** request clarification of the 'same event' and propose the following definition: 'an Event organised by the same OC in same place, in same week of the year ( $\pm$  10 days) in the same discipline (e.g. SJ, Pony, Dressage, etc.) and category (e.g. 1\*; 2\*; 3\* CSIOP, etc.)'

**FEI FEEDBACK**

After discussion the FEI is in favour of this clarification with a small amendment to the suggestion.

#### Proposed Wording

1. Primary VDs must not have been the VD at the same Event, including all levels of competition for more than 3 consecutive years without taking at least a 3 year break from the Event. The same event is defined as an Event organised by the same OC in the same place, in the same week of the year (+/-10days) regardless of the discipline and category.

### Article No. 1121.1 – Rotation of FEI Veterinarians

#### Explanation for Proposed Change

- **ITA NF:** believes a three year break from officiating in an Event, seems too severe for both the OV and OC. A good relationship between OV and OC it is required for the efficacy and the success of the competition. The propose that 'Primary VDs must not have been the VD at the same Event, including all levels of competition for more than 3 consecutive years without taking at least a 1 year break from the Event.'

**FEI FEEDBACK**

The FEI plans to develop a common rotation system that would be applicable to all FEI Officials. In view of this, the FEI will keep the current wording until the new system is proposed. No change in the article is needed.

**Proposed Wording**

No change to original wording

**Article No. 1127 – Permitted Equine Therapists’ Role**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

- **SUI NF:** suggest that PTVs must know where they can find the list and when they have to present themselves.

**FEI FEEDBACK**

A PTV/PET Registration Form is available on the FEI website which can be filled in, in advance of the event and must be given to the Veterinary Delegate on arrival. No change to the article is needed.

**Proposed Wording**

No change to original wording

**Article No. Annex VI – Sanctions in case of FEI Veterinary Regulation violations**

**Explanation for Proposed Change**

**Proposal from Technical Committee for the following reason:**

The FEI proposes a specific sanction for PRs who refuse to submit horses that have died or been euthanased at FEI events for post mortem examination. It is considered that avoidance of this examination has the potential to conceal abuse.

**Proposed Wording**

The following sanction is proposed: Suspension of up to 3 months and/or a fine of CHF2000