



Dear Official Veterinarian,

The FEI Veterinary Department would like to update you concerning information relevant to your role as an Official Veterinarian:

EADCM testing kits

In response to enquiries, the Veterinary Department has published guidance notes concerning sampling kits. The guidance, designed for Veterinary Delegates, explains how to obtain testing kits and send used kits from events back to the laboratory. The guidance can be found [here](#) and we are happy to provide additional assistance at any time.

New feedback system concerning Veterinary Regulations

A new system concerning changes to the FEI Regulations is currently being introduced to provide a clear framework for the rules revision process. Feedback and suggestions for change must now be submitted through your National Federation and it will not be possible for individuals to feedback directly to the FEI. National Federations will have until 1 March 2019 to suggest changes that will be considered during the rules revision process in 2019. Further information concerning the changes can be found [here](#).

Permitted Treating Veterinarian Event Registration Forms

A minor change to the Veterinary Regulations, concerning the registration of Permitted Treating Veterinarians at events, will come into effect on 1 January 2019. PTVs that are not appointed by the event's Organising Committee, will now have to complete a registration form for each event they attend. Failure to submit the form may result in a sanction. The form which captures the veterinarian's contact details and the horse they will be treating at the event can be found [here](#).

Positive cases concerning diisopropylamine

The FEI has recently seen an increase in the number of positive equine anti-doping cases concerning diisopropylamine, a Banned Substance. Many of these cases appear to be linked to the use of products marketed as 'Vitamin B15', also known as pangamic acid. Diisopropylamine is a precursor of pangamic acid and may be found but not declared as an ingredient in 'Vitamin B15' and other supplements containing pangamic acid. We urge veterinarians to exercise vigilance regarding use of these products.

Altrenogest use in mares

Following the [FEI statement](#) in October 2018 concerning the use of altrenogest, we request veterinarians to continue giving careful consideration to the use of products containing altrenogest.

The use of certain preparations of altrenogest have been linked to positive anti-doping tests for the anabolic agents trendione and trembolone. We can confirm that it is still permissible to use altrenogest however we very strongly recommend that only licensed, oral products are used at the manufacturer's recommended dose.

Bisphosphonates

With respect to changes to the Equine Prohibited Substances List, as of 1 January 2019, unlicensed bisphosphonates (i.e. Pamidronate, Neridronate, Olpadronate, Alendronate, Ibandronate, Risedronate, Zoledronate) will be listed as Banned Substances and tiludronic acid and clodronic acid will remain listed as Controlled Medication.

In recent weeks the FEI has received concerns from the equestrian community about the potential for horses testing positive in 2019 resulting from use of these substances during 2018. As a consequence of these concerns, the FEI has decided to maintain the listing of Pamidronate, Neridronate, Olpadronate, Alendronate, Ibandronate, Risedronate, Zoledronate as Banned Substance during 2019 however these substances will not become prohibited until 1 January 2020. The delay in implementation will therefore allow adequate clearance time of the drug from the horse's body, following use of these substances during 2018.

Further to this decision, a study will commence in January 2019 concerning the use of these substances in clinical cases of non-FEI horses. The aim of the study is to determine substance elimination times and the lowest concentrations of these substances that could result in a positive test.

Annual Status Review

The FEI Veterinary Department ran the annual status review and informed the National Federations of the veterinarians needing to renew the PTV online exam, attend a course or officiate at FEI events in 2019. Please contact your National Federation should you have a doubt about your current status. The veterinarians who failed to comply with the maintenance requirements will see their OV functions closed on 31.12.2018. They will be able to be relisted after passing the missing PTV exam or course.

Kindly note that ID cards are automatically generated for a 4-year period and may still be valid although the OV functions were closed following the annual status review. Please refer to the [public lists of officials](#), which are updated daily, to see whether you are listed and allowed to officiate.

We thank you for your continued contribution and send you our very best wishes for the New Year.



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