Veterinary Services for the Olympic and Paralympic Games

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Veterinary Services
Main deliverables

Clinic
Workforce
Field of Play Coverage
Biosecurity & Horse Arrivals/Departures
1 Horse arrivals/ departures
Horse arrivals & departures

• MAPA has already confirmed that all import procedures under their responsibility will be concluded at the airport. It means that the horses will leave GIG 100% cleared from customs/MAPA.

• It is agreed with MAPA that once airplanes lands, the chief inspector will have a brief look at the air stalls inside the plane and then, as the horses are unloaded and moved across the transfer ramp to the lorries, MAPA will check the ids with the microchip reader and visually inspect. They will only stop and further exam a horse if it shows signs of disease or big distress.

• FEI Examination on arrival: will be performed according to the FEI Vet Committee guidance, which is to perform it on the departure hubs for the horses coming by air. Horses coming by road will be inspected upon their arrival at Deodoro.
Biosecurity
The purpose of biosecurity for the Rio Olympic and Paralympic Games horses:

• Reduce the risk of the entry of infectious or contagious diseases into the venue and to facilitate the return of the horses to their country of origin after competition. Safe travel without jeopardizing their health or the health of the Brazilian population

• Maintain biosecurity protocol according to international shipping agent and FEI guidelines in accordance with MAPA
Vet clinic
Vet Clinic Operations

• For biosecurity reasons, the horses should not leave the venue. Therefore, Rio 2016 will build a hospital for on-site emergency surgery, and the clinic will be fully equipped to deliver high quality veterinary services for the horses competing in the test event and Olympic and Paralympic Games.

• The Veterinary Clinic will provide a 24-hour operation the entire time that horses are on site at Deodoro.

• There will be accommodation within the vet clinic for the night-shift vets and emergency surgeon.
The FEI Veterinary Commission will also have their office within the Veterinary Clinic in order that the Veterinary services administration team can supply their administrative support.

The forge will be located adjacent to the veterinary clinic and near the stables area. It will be situated a level below the clinic so noise will not be a problem.

The equine anti-doping facility will also be located adjacent to the clinic. Anti-doping is not a veterinary service deliverable for Rio 2016, but we work closely with them.
Vet clinic under construction - March 2015

Vet clinic – August 2015
Vet Clinic
Functions to be delivered

- Administration of veterinary services
- On-site Equine Clinical Pathology Laboratory service
- Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging Service
- Veterinary Dispensing Pharmacy #
- Permitted Medication Administration Area
- Examination and diagnosis of ill or injured horses
- Administration of the Field of Play veterinary emergency service
- Emergency services including surgery
- Physiotherapy
- Additional services to be considered: MRI
The veterinary workforce will be formed by four groups of people:

- Paid workforce.
- Contracted workforce
- Volunteers: the majority of the veterinary workforce at the Games will be specialist volunteers.
- NTOs
Workforce
Points to be discussed

• National licensing for team vets: Brazilian Veterinarian Regulatory Organization (CRMV) requirements are established: name, role and letter of good standing

• Horse farrier is not a regulated profession in Brazil.

• Vet techs or nurses are not regulated professions in Brazil
5 Field of Play
Field of Play
Coverage

The plan of action will be the same as in London 2012, as explained below:

- At the FOP, a vet team will sit on the apron of the arena so they can observe the action directly. There will be two vets, a vet tech, a horse ambulance driver and an assistant.

- The training areas will be monitored for the duration of all training sessions by a field vet, with additional help from a vet tech (with radio and the veterinary kit bags) and a farrier.

- There will be a horse ambulance parked adjacent to the entrance of the main arena, near the other training areas and deployed around the cross-country course on the cross-country day.
Cooling area

Veterinary cover at XC course
Points of the Journey:

2013
- Consultancy from Dr. J. Hall begins
- Consultancy from Peden begins
- Requirements for Clinic and Forge defined
- Liaison with MAPA for Biosecurity and Arrivals and Departure of Horses procedures begins

2014
- Volunteer recruitment
- Paid staff definition
- Vet equipment procurement process begins
- Define services and suppliers for the vet clinic

2015
- NTOs selection
- Clinic construction starts
- Workforce selection from pool of volunteers
- Workforce training
- Start biosecurity operation for test event
- Delivery of Vet Clinic, equipment and materials
- Test event

2016
- NOC vet team authorisation
- Biosecurity operation for Games time
- Workforce training for Games time
- Vet Clinic Bump-in for Games time
- Vet Services Guide is released
- Games time
Thank you

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