

Entry to Pre-Export Quarantine - Enhanced biosecurity measures in accordance with FEI EHV-1 By-Laws.

Dear National Federation (NF),

For the upcoming Tokyo 2020 Games, the mandatory Pre-Export Quarantine (PEQ) will host a large number of horses and the FEI will therefore, as a precautionary measure following the outbreak of Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1 neurological form) in mainland Europe earlier this year, implement enhanced biosecurity measures.

The FEI has no indications that the virus strain which caused the outbreak of neurological EHV-1 in Spain is behind any recent cases or outbreaks. Further to consultation with the FEI Epidemiology Working Group, we have concluded that there is currently no increased risk for an outbreak of EHV-1. All stakeholders should however be aware that due to the nature of EHV, which is endemic in many countries, the risk for outbreaks is never zero.

The FEI has implemented [EHV-1 By-Laws](#) in mainland Europe, and we would like to draw your attention to the fact that there are now enhanced biosecurity measures as provided for in the amended EHV-1 By-Law 14:

In case of increased risk for transmission of infectious disease such as EHV-1 or Equine Influenza, the FEI Veterinary Department may request enhanced biosecurity measures for horses travelling to or entering Pre-Export-Quarantine before travel, to FEI Events or Olympic- and Paralympic Games.

The below measures have been developed in close cooperation with the Shipping Agent Peden Bloodstock after consultation with the FEI Epidemiology Working Group.

Therefore the following measures must be taken by all NFs with horses travelling to Tokyo 2020:

- a) Self-declaration by athlete including horse rectal temperatures for the 10 days before arrival to the PEQ. The following form must be used:
https://inside.fei.org/system/files/FEI%20Equine%20Health%20Self-Certification%20Form_interactive_web.pdf.

After completion, the form must be uploaded to Peden Bloodstock <https://equinis.com/Hippobase/Login/> 24h before entry to the PEQ.

- b) Any horse with a temperature in rest over 38.5C must be sampled using nasopharyngeal swab and sent for PCR testing for EHV-1 to Labor Dr. Böse GmbH, Carl-Zeiss-Straße 6, D-31177 Harsum, Germany. Link to the submission form can be found here:
https://labor-boese.de/phpversion/en/download/INFECTION_GB_180426_S1aus171202_S2aus2016_HiRes.pdf.

For horses located outside Europe, other laboratories may be used after consultation with the FEI Veterinary Department. The Athlete/NF must share the result of the analysis with the [FEI Veterinary Department](#).

- c) A positive result does not necessarily mean that the horse cannot enter the PEQ. Further testing, isolation etc. may be done. The FEI Veterinary Department will consult leading experts on EHV in the evaluation of each case.
- d) NFs may without costs request advice from leading experts on EHV through the FEI Veterinary Department.

Thank you for your kind cooperation. Working together with trust and transparency will protect our horses and the Tokyo 2020 Games.

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Sincerely



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