



GUIDELINES TO LIVERY HOLDERS **ON EXPORT OF RETIRED RACEHORSES – 2022/2023**

1. APPLICATION

Approval of the Stewards of the Hong Kong Jockey Club is required before any retired racehorse can be exported from Hong Kong. Applications, including details of destination, overseas contact person's address and telephone / facsimile number, should be submitted in writing to the Club's Racing Registry preferably two months prior to the anticipated shipment

date. The application must also include the reason(s) for the horses export (eg. equestrian, pleasure riding etc). Stewards' approval is subject to the horse passing a "Suitability for Export" veterinary examination carried out by a Hong Kong Jockey Club Veterinary Surgeon.

2. CLUB SUBSIDY ON AIRFREIGHT COST

Subject to Stewards' approval, applicants will receive a travel subsidy from the Club up to a maximum of HK\$40,000 or the actual shipping costs, whichever is lower. However, such travel subsidy is not applicable to :-

- a. Corporate members and non-Club members.
- b. Applicants who are not the original Owner of the horse to be exported and have put the horse on full livery for less than six calendar months at time of application.
- c. Applicants who have been Club members for less than six calendar months at time of application.
- d. Applicants who have already received the travel subsidy thrice.

Please note that applicants will be required to reimburse the travel subsidy to the Club in the event they re-import the same horse back to Hong Kong.

3. SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS

With the exception of exporting horses to China, all shipping arrangements will be co-ordinated by the Club's Dual Site Stables Operations and Owners Services. Horses are normally expected to be exported within two months following granting of permission. For horses to be exported to China, Livery Holder shall take full responsibility to make all necessary arrangements including transportation, export and import documentation, post arrival quarantine and other logistics. The Club will only provide the usual service in relation to pre-export quarantine.

4. PRE-EXPORT QUARANTINE

Horses to be exported are required to undergo pre-export quarantine, except to USA / Canada / Singapore / Malaysia which stipulates no such requirement. The pre-export quarantine (usually between two and four weeks depending on the country of destination) normally takes place at Club premises. Visiting the horse during the quarantine is not allowed.

5. LIVERY CHARGES

Livery Holders are responsible for all livery, in addition to veterinary and farriery expenses incurred for their horse prior to shipment. Livery charges at Sha Tin's quarantine stables is currently HK\$14,860 per month.



6. AIRFREIGHT COST

The airfreight cost per horse may vary considerably (from HK\$80,000 to HK\$280,000) depending on the destination and the number of horses travelling on the same shipment. The cost covers airfreight, travelling groom's expenses, import documentation and post arrival transportation from airport to final destination. Transit insurance is not included but can be arranged by the Club upon request at the Livery Holder's expense. If the number of horses on the same shipment is reduced at the last minute, Owner(s) / Livery Holder(s) of the remaining horse(s) is / are required to equally share the additional airfreight costs and other related expenses.

7. OTHER EXPORT CHARGES

Livery Holders are also responsible for the following charges:

Fixed charges

- Suitability for Export Examination and Report Fee (approximately HK\$1,315 per horse)
- Quarantine monitoring fee, if required (approximately HK\$76 per horse per day)
- Club Administrative Charges (HK\$1,650 per horse)

Charges determined by country of destination and number of horses per shipment

- Compulsory Tests required by the importing country
- Watchman Fee
- Horses' Local Transportation plus Handlers Fee (between riding school / quarantine stables / airport)
- Hong Kong Government Veterinary Surgeons Inspection and Health Certification Fees
- Airport Terminal Charges

The above export charges (excluding livery charges after retirement and airfreight cost) are **estimated** at between HK\$8,000 and HK\$20,000 per horse.

8. CANCELLATION OF SHIPMENT

In the event of cancellation of shipment, Livery Holders are required to pay all the expenses incurred by their horse up to the cancellation.

9. METHOD OF PAYMENT

All shipping costs, livery and other export charges must be settled no later than one week prior to shipment. Failing that, the shipment will be cancelled.

10. ENQUIRIES

These guidelines are published for reference purpose only and will be updated as and when necessary. Applicants are strongly advised to contact the Club in the first instance for more details before submitting their written application. For enquiries, please telephone the Racing Registry at 2966-8476.