

Movement of Horses

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THE INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT OF HORSES FOR COMPETITION – THE RACING PERSPECTIVE

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Introduction

1. Historical developments
2. The problems
3. The sub-population concept



Historical development

- 6000 years ago man domesticated the horse (food, transport, hunting, warfare, and field work)
- 3500 years ago transport by boat recorded
- Transport by vehicle
- Transport by rail
- Transport by air

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Historical development changes

- Over time distances traveled and speed of travel have both increased dramatically especially in last 40 years with air transport
- Can now transport a horse almost anywhere within 24-36 hours
- As nations develop the use of the horse has changed with increasing use for sports and leisure and marked socio-economic benefits



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Problems

- New entrants to international racing
- Lack of harmonization:
 - Temporary and permanent protocols
 - Residency periods
 - Diseases of concern (43 different diseases identified in regional certificates)
 - Differences in vaccinations and validity
 - CEM and Dourine





The Troika

- There are 3 components in the movement of horses
 1. Exporting and importing government veterinary services
 2. Equine Industry (owners, trainers, shipping agents)
 3. The horse



Government Veterinary Services

Equine Industry

The horse

Effective
international
horse movement



Government Veterinary Services

- Agree the conditions for import and export
- Monitor the temporarily imported horses
- Certify onward movement



Equine Industry

- These are owners, trainers, shipping agents and organizations involved in the management of the horse
- Ensure compliance with biosecurity requirements
- Administer and monitor medications
- Oversee the health of the horse



The horse

- Is the benefactor of the health program
- Is regularly vaccinated, blood tested and monitored for health
- Undergoes performance evaluation
- Is kept in a biosecurity program



Interdependence

- The three components cannot work in isolation
- Only by working together can a biosecure program be maintained



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- Extensive inter-governmental negotiations
- Pre-entry selection and testing
- Pre-export quarantine
- Further testing
- Twice daily temperature and health records kept
- Daily veterinary supervision
- Overseen by China and UAE Ministeries



The Sub-population Concept





Summary

- Distances traveled by horses and speed of transport has increased dramatically in recent years
- As nations develop there is greater use of the horse for sport and leisure with associated socio-economic benefits
- The world is now a global platform on which people and horses are moving with increasing frequency and rapidity



Summary continued

- There is a lack of harmonization of conditions for temporary import of racehorses for competition
- It is difficult under existing certificates for new entrants to enter international racing
- The sub-population concept of high performance racehorses already exists
- The HHP proposal is simply a means of expanding an existing condition



Summary continued

- The HHP proposal is a vehicle to solve the current problems hampering growth in the horse racing industry.
- By working together governments, horse industry and the horse can all benefit through a win-win-win solution





Thank you