



Pre-Travel Veterinary Inspection Form for Racehorses Travelling to Hong Kong to Compete in International Races

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Horse Name: _____ Representing Country: _____
Passport Number: _____ Issuing Authority: _____
Scheduled Date of Travel to Hong Kong: _____

A. Instructions for the Pre-Travel Veterinary Inspection and Medication Declaration Update:

1. The Pre-Travel Veterinary Inspection

- 1.1. Every invited horse will be subject to a Pre-Travel Veterinary Inspection performed by a Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) appointed veterinary surgeon before its departure to Hong Kong, irrespective of the country in which the horse is located at the time. The purpose of this inspection is to ensure that the horse is not suffering from any obvious problems, which could possibly:
- adversely affect its health during travel
 - cause it to finish lame or “break down” during the race
 - have an adverse effect on its performance in its race
 - jeopardise its chances of competing in its race

The inspection will require the horse to be trotted-up in-hand on a firm, flat, non-slippery surface to assess its action and to have its locomotor structures palpated for abnormalities.

- 1.2. The horse must be able to race wearing four nailed-on plain aluminium plates (shoes). If proven necessary and subject to prior approval by the Club’s Head of Veterinary Regulation and International Liaison (HVR&IL), glued-on aluminium plates may be worn but it must be noted that such shoes will not be permitted to be applied, or re-applied, less than two (2) hours prior to the time a horse is due to start in a race.
- 1.3. This compulsory inspection must be performed between six (6) days (maximum) and three (3) days (minimum), prior to the horse departing for Hong Kong, irrespective of the country in which the horse is located at the time, and the report must be made on this standard form.

2. The Pre-Travel Medication Declaration Form Two (MDF2)

- 2.1. At the time of the inspection, the HKJC inspecting veterinary surgeon must obtain from the horse's Trainer, a completed and signed copy of the official Medication Declaration Form Two for Racehorses Travelling to Hong Kong to Compete in International Races (MDF2), which records any additional medications administered to the horse since the first medication list (MDF1) was compiled and submitted to the HKJC's HVR&IL.
- 2.2. It is important that **all medications** administered to the horse are declared as required by the Medication Declaration Forms and the completed form submitted to the HKJC as required, **irrespective** of whether or not the medications are considered to be, or to contain, prohibited substances, under the rules of racing of any other racing authority.

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3 Vaccination Documentation

- 3.1 The inspecting veterinary surgeon is required by the Club to confirm that he/she was provided by the horse's Trainer with documentary evidence certifying that the equine influenza vaccinations have been carried out in accordance with the Race Conditions and the Hong Kong Government's Horse Information Document for the Temporary Importation or Transshipment or Re-Entry of Registered Horse into Hong Kong (Revised August 2007) which state:

"No horse shall be accepted for travel to Hong Kong unless it is certified by a qualified registered veterinary surgeon to be correctly vaccinated against EQUINE INFLUENZA as follows:

During the 90 days immediately prior to export from its country of permanent or usual residency, but not within 14 days of export, the horse was administered:

EITHER

- a certified primary course of approved vaccinations against equine influenza comprising of at least 2 doses with an interval of 4 to 6 weeks.

OR

- a certified booster vaccination against equine influenza which was given within 12 months of a certified primary course, or within 12 months of a certified booster vaccination where it, and any other previous booster vaccinations, had been administered annually within a regular 12-month period since the primary course.

Certified documentary evidence of such vaccinations must be available for inspection by the HKJC and Government Officials."

4. Clinical signs of **infectious diseases** must also be noted and reported to both the local veterinary authorities and to the Hong Kong Jockey Club.
5. The HKJC inspecting veterinary surgeon must send both the updated Second Medication Declaration Form (MDF2) and this completed Pre-Travel Veterinary Inspection Form to the HKJC's HVR&IL **at least three (3) days** prior to the horse departing for Hong Kong.

B. Certification:

I, _____ (Name of Veterinary Surgeon) certify that I have:

- (1) I have received the captioned horse's medication list and attached the Second Medication Declaration Form for Racehorses Travelling to Hong Kong to Compete in International Races (MDF2) to this report, both of which will be faxed to the HKJC's HVR&IL at least three (3) days prior to the horse travelling to Hong Kong.
- (2) inspected the captioned horse's equine influenza vaccination history and it **COMPLIES** with the required protocol as detailed above.

_____ **(Initial)**

- (3) inspected the captioned horse and in my opinion it **IS IN A SUITABLE CONDITION** to travel to Hong Kong to compete in an international race.

_____ **(Initial)**

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(4) *I have the following comments:

Name in Block Capitals: _____

Address: _____

Tel.: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Date of Receipt of Pre-Travel Veterinary Inspection and Updated Medication Declaration Forms: _____

Date of acknowledgement to Trainer: _____

Horse * **APPROVED** / * **NOT APPROVED** for travel to Hong Kong based upon the supplied veterinary inspection report and medication declaration.

Comments:

Signed By: _____ Date: _____

* Head of Veterinary Regulation and International Liaison
/ Veterinary Officer

Distributed to: CSS / HRL / HVCS / MIRSD / VO / HRR on Date: _____

* Delete as appropriate