



## **Useful Information for Overseas Trainer's and their Veterinarians**

The British Horseracing Authority (BHA) is the sport's governing and regulatory body in Great Britain and encourages international participation in British Racing. [Rule \(A\) Part 1 – 2. Persons subject to the Rules](#) stipulate that visiting overseas horses and their connections racing in the UK are bound by the Rules of Racing.

Please see the [Anti-Doping and Medication Control](#) section of the website for detailed information. However a few key points are:

### **MEDICATION**

#### **1. Medication Declaration form**

[Paragraph 28 of Schedule \(B\)3, part 28](#) of the Rules requires that trainers of any horse trained outside Great Britain which is entered for a race must sign a declaration confirming that the horse has not received any substance included in [Paragraph 3 of Schedule \(C\) 6](#), or setting out the details of the administration of any substance referred to in Paragraph 3 of Schedule (C)6. Under [Rule\(C\) 55.1](#) these substances should not be found in any horse under the care or control of a Trainer at any time.

Due to harmonisation of medication and doping control within Europe the Authority applies this requirement only to visiting horses trained outside Europe.

This declaration must be made on the prescribed form 'International Runners – Medication declaration', found on the [Veterinary Certificates](#) page. The form must be sent to the BHA for the attention of the Disciplinary Department to arrive at least 5 business day prior to commencing travel to the UK either by post, fax or e-mail, up-to-date contact details are on the declaration form.

#### **2. Recording use of Medicines**

The BHA requires the use of all medication on horses in training to be recorded in accordance with [Rules \(C\) 13 – Duty to keep medication records](#). The record must be available for inspection at any time.

#### **3. Importing Veterinary Medicines to the UK**

All veterinary medicines must be imported in accordance with the [Veterinary Medicines Regulations](#). Information can be found on the Veterinary Medicines Directorate website - [Guidance Note on Import Certificate Schemes](#).



#### **4. Competition and Out of Competition testing**

Connections should note that, as with horses resident in Britain, overseas visiting horses may be subject to out of competition testing at any time both pre-race and post-race. The BHA may also order its own testing of the horse before departure from the country of origin

Elective Testing is offered at trainer's cost if required. Further information is available under the [Elective Testing](#) section on the resources page.

### **EQUINE INFLUENZA**

#### **5. Equine Influenza vaccination requirements**

All horses must comply with the [Rule \(E\) 18](#) regarding vaccination against equine Influenza.

Where the horse passport or identity document does not contain pages for recording vaccinations, a separate certificate that identifies the horse from its markings and records the vaccinations in compliance with [Rule \(E\) 19.4](#) must be available with the passport or identity document at all times. An example of a suitable form is available for download on BHA [Veterinary Info](#) page – Vaccination record for International horses.

There is no requirement for prior review of vaccinations if the records meet the requirements above. However, if you have any questions please refer to the Veterinary Information resource on the BHA website or contact the Equine Health and Welfare Department at [equine@britishhorseracing.com](mailto:equine@britishhorseracing.com). Vaccination records can be sent for review and they must be sent to arrive at least 5 business days prior to travel to the UK.

### **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

#### **6. Welfare**

All horses must be kept and treated in accordance with the [Animal Welfare Act](#), its [Codes of Practice](#), and the [Rules \(C\) 27-36](#) of the Rules of Racing on horse welfare.

#### **7. Advice and information**

For up-to-date Rules and further information relating to Medication and Drug Control, connections are strongly advised to refer directly to the [BHA's website](#), or to contact



the Equine Health and Welfare Department at [equine@britishhorseracing.com](mailto:equine@britishhorseracing.com).

#### **8. Third party information**

Whilst the BHA does not endorse any particular third party, connections may wish to be aware of agents who can assist with international movement of horses:

[International Racing Bureau](#)

(please contact BHA if you wish to add other agent contact information)