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TO: All National Federations

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Re. Equine Prohibited Substances List

Dear Member Federations,

Further to the 4 December letter of the President asking for support to delay implementation of the "Progressive List" until the policy question can be addressed at the 2010 General Assembly, a majority of National Federations responding expressed their support. Of those National Federations that responded, 38 were in favour of delaying implementation and a vote on the policy change at the 2010 General Assembly and 22 were against. A further four National Federations either abstained, refused to comment on procedural grounds, or did not provide a clear answer to the proposal.

The FEI Bureau considered this proposal and, in light of the need for clarity and further research and consultation, has decided to support the President's proposal. The effects of this resolution are the following:

1. In keeping with its earlier decision, no changes will be made to the present rules governing anti-doping and medication control through 4 April 2010;
2. As of 5 April 2010, the FEI will implement the new FEI Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations (EADCMR) which received broad support at the 2009 General Assembly (attached);
3. As of 5 April 2010 the Equine Prohibited Substances List that will be in effect will be the attached list, which is the "20 October List." This is the list which was distributed to the NFs on 20 October 2009 and which generated considerable feedback and no specific objections during the four-week consultation period prior to the 2009 General Assembly;
4. The FEI does not believe that the "20 October List" is incompatible with any national law as it is simply a more specific and detailed list of substances which are prohibited under the present rules. However, if NFs believe this may not be the case, there is a significant period of time prior to implementation on 5 April 2010 for this to be studied by NFs and to bring any such concerns with respect to particular substances to the FEI's attention for study by the List Group;

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President
HRH Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein

5. The matter of NSAID policy will be put on the agenda of the 2010 General Assembly for discussion with all available relevant information provided no less than four weeks in advance of any General Assembly vote on the matter.

To summarise the implementation process, the existing rules and list (FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Medication Control Rules, 1st edition 1 June 2006, effective 1 June 2007, with modifications approved by the Bureau, effective 10 April 2008 and the Equine Prohibited List, effective 1st January 2009) are in effect until 4 April 2010. The new Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations (EADCMRs), the 20 October List and Veterinary Regulations (attached) will be in effect as of 5 April 2010.

Over the next few months the List Group, which will be reviewed to include representatives from additional stakeholders including relevant animal welfare groups, will conduct a full review of the prohibited substances list, with all the relevant and necessary research, and will take into account all comments received from interest groups following the 2009 General Assembly vote. In particular, the List Group will be looking at NSAIDs and will further review whether or not the use of these substances in competition, singly and at specifically prescribed levels, is incompatible with horse welfare and whether or not these substances, at specific levels, are performance enhancing.

Legal concerns will be addressed by the FEI Legal Department to see whether the restricted use of NSAIDs in competition is in conflict with any national law.

National Federations will have the opportunity to voice their opinions through their Group Chairs. The FEI President and management will also consult with other equestrian bodies, including the Racing Authorities. Once this full consultation process has been completed, the List Group will then publish the 2011 version of the Equine Prohibited Substances List with validated levels regarding horse welfare and performance enhancement issues.

At the 2010 General Assembly, National Federations will have the opportunity to vote on the policy issue of whether the FEI should allow the restricted use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), provided the levels are limited and are deemed by the List Group not to threaten horse welfare and not to be performance enhancing. Further to the General Assembly policy choice, the question of whether or not the List should be adopted will be put to the FEI Bureau.

All of the information concerning applicable rules and this consultation process will be available in January 2010 on the FEI's dedicated Clean Sport website. You will be informed of its launch in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,

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HRH Princess Haya
President

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