

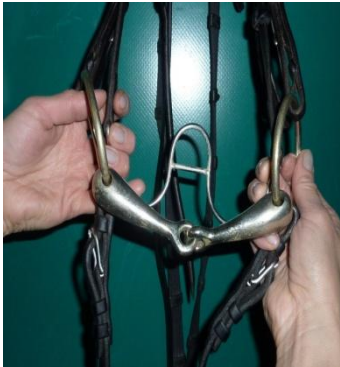



<b>VETERINARY GUIDANCE NOTE</b>			
<b>Reference</b>	<b>VGn 1/2012</b>	<b>Date: 12 July 2012</b>	
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Clarification on use of Tongue Guards at FEI Events</b>		
<b>Related Veterinary Regulation</b>	FEI Veterinary Regulations 2012, Annex X		
<b>Current 2012 Veterinary Regulation, Annex X</b>	<i>Tongue guards are not permitted unless they are attached to the bit and not separate items from the bit itself.</i>		
<b>Background clarification of Annex X ,2012 Veterinary Regulations</b>	<p>There are two general categories of tongue guards</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Those permanently attached to the bit ( figure 1)</li> <li>2. Those which are separate from the bit ( figure 2)</li> </ol> <p>Separate tongue guards are in fact permitted, but they must be used as shown in figure 3, and not wound around the bit (figure 4).</p> <p><b>The intention of the Regulation is to prevent the use of separate tongue guards being wound around the bit as in figure 4. Such use raises horse welfare concerns and is therefore not allowed.</b></p>		
 <b>Figure 1</b>	 <b>Figure 2</b>	 <b>Figure 3</b>	 <b>Figure 4</b>
<b>Effective Date</b>	Immediately		
<b>Further Queries</b>	<p>If you have any further queries regarding this change, please contact <a href="mailto:Victoria.Unt@FEI.org">Victoria Unt by email at Victoria.Unt@FEI.org</a>, or by telephone at +41 21 310 47 47.</p>		