



## Veterinary Guidance

<b>Reference:</b>	<b>VGn 5/2010</b>	<b>Date:25<sup>th</sup> March 2010</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Accreditation for veterinarians at FEI events</b>	
<b>Related Regulation</b>	<b>FEI Veterinary Regulations 2010, FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations 2010 (commencing 5th April 2009)</b>	
<b>Background :</b>  Visit <a href="http://www.feicleansport.org">www.feicleansport.org</a> and <a href="http://www.fei.org">www.fei.org</a>	<p>At the 2009 FEI General Assembly, measures were agreed by National Federations as part of the Clean Sport initiative. These measures are to increase the clarity in many areas of equestrian sport in order to ensure that the integrity of the sport is maintained now and in the future. Art 1003 of the 2010 FEI Veterinary Regulations outlines the below categories of veterinarians at FEI events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- FEI Event Veterinarians*</li><li>- Team veterinarians*</li><li>- Individual Competitor's Private Veterinarians (CPV)*</li><li>- Testing Veterinarians*</li><li>- Veterinary Control Officer*</li><li>- Veterinary Services Manager*</li><li>- <i>Examining Veterinarians</i></li><li>- <i>Treating Veterinarians</i></li></ul> <p>Article 1005 (2.5) outlines the requirements for controlled access to the stable area, including the groups who may have such access.</p> <p>This Veterinary Guidance note explains the purpose behind the introduction of a link between the accreditation for all Veterinarians with a role in FEI events to enter the stable area and having undertaken an FEI veterinary course by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011 (see VGn4/2010).</p> <p>It also outlines interim measures in place prior to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011</p>	
<b>Purpose and Use:</b>	<b>Accreditation of Veterinarians at FEI Events</b> <b>See also VGn/4</b>	
	<p>The welfare of the horse is at the heart of equestrian sport. Ensuring that veterinary rules are applied consistently at FEI events protects not just welfare, but also delivers the spirit of fair play within the sport.</p> <p>All Veterinarians present at FEI events have a role to play in ensuring the above. Therefore it is important they are familiar with the FEI Veterinary Regulations, the purpose behind certain policies, the changes that have taken place and to understand the challenges that are sought to be overcome.</p>	

	<p>By linking future accreditation to gain access to the stable area with having undertaken an FEI Veterinary Course every 5 years, it means that only those veterinarians who understand the requirements and the rules of FEI competition may have such accreditation.</p> <p>If such a veterinarian is deemed by the FEI to have behaved inappropriately and against the principles of clean Sport, then such accreditation will be removed until further notice.</p>
<p><b>Interim Measures</b></p>	<p><b>Until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011, all veterinarians in the categories marked (*) must announce themselves to the FEI veterinary Commission or veterinary delegate and provide their name and contact details (e mail preferred). CPVs must state which owners they act for and the horses they will be attending to.</b> The Veterinary Commission/delegate will record these details and attach the record to the event Veterinary Report for HQ. The latter must arrive at the FEI HQ no later than 2 weeks after the event.</p> <p><b>A system of accreditation for the categories of FEI vets ( Vet Regs 2010) will commence fully on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011.</b></p>
<p><b>Further Queries on this Information Note</b></p>	<p>If you have any further questions please feel free to contact <a href="mailto:mariama.bangura@fei.org">mariama.bangura@fei.org</a> or <a href="mailto:veterinary@fei.org">veterinary@fei.org</a> for further information. Tel 0041213104747</p>