



Effective from 1 November 1999

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Pre-Travel Elective Testing for International Races

1. The following arrangement is applicable to overseas horses participating in International Races in Hong Kong.
2. It is the sole responsibility of the connections of the participating horse to ensure that the Race Conditions concerning prohibited substances are complied with. To assist the connections to determine whether their horses are suitable to race in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Jockey Club's Racing Laboratory is prepared to screen samples upon request for the presence of certain *specified* prohibited substances before the horses travel to Hong Kong. Special attention should be paid to medications with long or variable detection times. A request to screen for an entire class of medications (e.g. corticosteroids) cannot be entertained.
3. Since sample collection and shipment are both outside the Club's control, the samples received for Pre-Travel Elective Testing by the Club's Racing Laboratory have no forensic value. **The results are unofficial and for reference only.** The Club does not accept any responsibility for the testing service and/or the results and the requester shall hold the Club harmless from all claims relating thereto. It must be noted that the *definitive* samples are those which are collected from the horse after its arrival in Hong Kong.
4. To make use of this service, the advice of the Club's Executive Manager, Veterinary Regulation, Dr. Peter Curl [Tel: (+852) 29666741 or Email: peter.curl@hkjc.org.hk], should first be sought. The fee for this testing service is US\$200 per medication tested.
5. Because blood samples are easily degraded during transport, only urine samples are accepted, and these are best sent refrigerated or frozen. A minimum of **100 millilitres** of urine is required per sample.
6. In order to have the results available before the horse commences its journey, samples should arrive at the Club's Racing Laboratory at least four days before departure of the horse to Hong Kong. Samples are to be sent, at the connection's expense, *directly* to the Club's Racing Laboratory. Details are given in the appendix.
7. A sample will only be tested if it is submitted together with the attached sample submission form duly completed with the relevant information (which will be held in confidence) and the trainer's signature. This information and the declaration are *absolutely necessary* before the analysis can begin.
8. Upon receiving the samples in good condition and the necessary information, an acknowledgement will be sent by fax to the contact person. The Club, however, reserves the right to refuse the service for any sample and in such case a rejection notification will be sent and the sample destroyed.
9. **The individual prohibited substance to be screened for must be specified and are limited to either:**
 - (a) therapeutic medications previously administered to the horse, or
 - (b) therapeutic medications suspected to have been administered to the horse, or
 - (c) suspected contaminants of feeding stuffs.

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10. The test results will be conveyed directly by the Club's Chief Racing Chemist (Head of Racing Laboratory) to the contact person as soon as practicably possible. Provided everything is in order, results will normally be available within **three days** of sample arrival. Unless specified otherwise on the application form, the test report and the invoice for payment will normally be sent in strict confidence to the Trainer only.
11. It should be emphasised that a negative result may be associated with the improper handling of the sample during shipment, and that there is **no guarantee** that the result of limited elective testing will be replicated in the comprehensive testing of samples taken subsequently from the same horse on arrival in Hong Kong.
12. The connections are reminded that, on arrival at the isolation stables in Hong Kong, all horses will be required to submit both blood and urine samples for analysis for prohibited substances. Any horse reported positive to anabolic substances or any undeclared medications, as a result of the above test, may be withdrawn at the absolute discretion of the Stewards any time prior to racing. If the horse is withdrawn in these circumstances, the respective owner shall be charged all travel and accommodation expenses for the horse and all connections.
13. In accordance with Article 6E of the International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering, any horse administered any of the substances listed as **'not to be administered to racehorses at any time in their career'** (<http://www.horseracingintfed.com/agreementDisplay.asp>), including and especially anabolic steroids, will not be permitted to race. If, however, any such substance(s) were administered under exceptional circumstances and in accordance with the IFHA's *exceptional use for therapeutic purposes facility*, the horse shall be considered **ineligible to race until a minimum of six (6) months has elapsed after administration** – irrespective of subsequent analytical test results and / or the country of residence at the time of administration. Failure of connections to provide prior notification to the Club of the administration of any substance as listed in Article 6E within a six month period from the scheduled race day will result in the horse's withdrawal (or disqualification) and possible penalty by the Stewards. Furthermore, eligibility for any travel subsidy provided by the Club will be forfeited.



Dr Peter Curl, BVSc (Hons), MRCVS
Executive Manager, Veterinary Regulation

Appendix: Procedures for Sending Urine Samples to Hong Kong for Chemical Testing

Samples of equine urine in clean leak-proof plastic containers are to be labelled with the horse's name and sent together with a completed submission form and a copy each of the Importation Protocol and Explanatory Letter **directly** to: *Dr Terence Wan, Chief Racing Chemist, The Hong Kong Jockey Club, Racing Laboratory, Sha Tin Racecourse, New Territories, Hong Kong (tel. +852 2966 6296)*. To facilitate testing, Dr Wan must be alerted in advance by fax (fax. +852 2601 6564 or +852 2607 2618) with a copy of the completed and signed submission form.

By far the best method of transport is via courier. Senders should ensure that their courier agent is responsible for custom clearance in Hong Kong and onward delivery of their samples directly to the Racing Laboratory at the Sha Tin Racecourse. Samples should be packaged with suitable cooling packs and kept either frozen or refrigerated throughout the shipment. They should not be kept for more than a day in total at room temperature, or for more than half a day at above 30°C. Leaking has always been a serious problem in shipping samples.

Copies of the **Importation Protocol** and **Explanatory Letter** are enclosed. Senders are asked to comply with Points 2 to 5 of the Importation Protocol for importing equine samples.

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**THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB
APPLICATION FORM FOR PRE-TRAVEL ELECTIVE TESTING**

This form must be completed, faxed (to +852 2601-6564 or +852 2607-2618) as soon as possible to Dr Terence Wan, Head of Racing Laboratory, and then sent together with the sample:

<i>Horse Information</i>			
Horse name:		Sex:	Trainer
<i>Horse Departure Information</i>			
Date, time and port of intended departure to Hong Kong:			
Date:	Time:	Port of departure:	
<i>Medication(s) Information - Confidential</i>			
Individual prohibited substance to be tested for (limited to 4 per sample):	Category (A, B or C as defined below):	Dose, date & length of treatment (for category A):	
<i>Category: (A) therapeutic medication previously administered, (B) therapeutic medication suspected to have been administered, and (C) suspected contaminant of feeding stuffs.</i>			
<i>Contact Person (Normally the Trainer) in Case of Queries and for Result Reporting</i>			
Name & position:		E-mail:	
Telephone no.:		Fax no.:	
<i>Sample Information</i>			
Date of urine collection:		Approximate time of urine collection:	
Date of sample dispatch:		Expected date of sample arrival:	
Shipping details (Agent & AWB number, etc.)			
<i>Name and Address to Which the Invoice Will Be Sent</i>			
Name:	Fax :	Tel :	
Address:			

Declaration by the Trainer (or authorised representative): I agree to the conditions of the pre-travel elective testing services of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, declare that the sample submitted with this form is entirely originated from the stated horse, and acknowledge that the elective testing result is unofficial and a negative finding does *not* absolve me of my responsibility of any positive finding, including the medication(s) tested herein, in all official post-arrival, random or race-day samples.

Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

Disclaimer: The Club does not accept any responsibility for the testing service and/or the results and the requester shall hold the Club harmless from all claims relating thereto.



12th April, 2010

**Protocol for the importation of Animal Biological Samples Including Blood,
Saliva and Urine for Prohibited Substance Testing in Hong Kong**

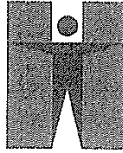
1. This Protocol is valid for an unlimited number of consignments.
2. The sample must be sent directly to the Chief Racing Chemist, the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Racing Laboratory, Shatin Racecourse, New Territories, Hong Kong.
3. The material must be packed in sealed, airtight and leak proof containers.
4. All inner and outer packaging must be swabbed with a suitable disinfectant before leaving the country of origin.
5. All packages must be clearly labeled "Animal Pathogen".
6. All outer wrappings and packaging must either be incinerated on arrival at the HKJC Racing Laboratory or satisfactorily disinfected using an appropriate disinfectant.
7. Re-usable containers must be retained in the disease security area until satisfactorily disinfected.
8. The samples are for laboratory work in vitro only, under the direct supervision of the Chief Racing Chemist, or persons nominated by the applicant.
9. Upon Completion of laboratory procedures all contaminated or surplus materials must be autoclaves or disinfected. Manipulation of open samples must be carried out after pH adjustment or disinfection.
10. Staff having contact with the imported materials must not have contact with farm animals or horses for at least 48 hours afterwards.
11. There must be no transfer of the imported materials or their derivatives to any other person or laboratory within Hong Kong without prior authority from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department.
12. The head of Veterinary Regulation and International Liaison should be notified of a complete list of countries of origin and any subsequent amendment thereof.
13. The Senior Veterinary Officer (Import and Export) or the Veterinary Officer (Import and Export) is to be advised of should there be any animal biological samples received by the Chief Racing Chemist.




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EXPLANATORY LETTER

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5 November 2014

Ms Emmie HO
Racing Chemist
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Sha Tin, New Territories
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Dear Ms HO,

Importation of Biological Samples

Further to our email to you dated 29 October 2014, we would like to reiterate the regulation concerning importation of biological samples into Hong Kong.

Under Section 14 of the existing Prevention and Control of Disease Regulation (Cap.599A), a person shall not, without a permit in writing from the Director of Health, knowingly import into Hong Kong: -

- (a) a human corpse or any part of a human corpse;
- (b) an infectious agent;
- (c) any human or animal tissue, or tissue fluid, or any part of a human or animal body, that the person has reason to suspect contains an infectious agent; or
- (d) any excreta, secretion, blood, or blood component, that the person has reason to suspect contains an infectious agent.

If the biological specimens to be imported by your organization belong to any of the above categories, please provide with us the completed

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application form. You may download the Notes for the application of permit from the following website: -

http://www.dh.gov.hk/english/useful/useful_forms/useful_forms_qpd.html

There is otherwise no requirement for import permit should the specimens do not belong to any of the above categories. Nonetheless, please be reminded that precautionary measures appropriate to the bio-safety level should be observed all the times during the transportation, handling and disposal of the above mentioned biological materials.

Yours sincerely,



(Dr W M YU)
for Chief Port Health Officer
Department of Health

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