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TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Connections of selected overseas horses for Hong Kong's seven feature Group 1 races (LONGINES Hong Kong Cup, LONGINES Hong Kong Mile, LONGINES Hong Kong Sprint, LONGINES Hong Kong Vase, FWD QEII Cup, FWD Champions Mile and Chairman's Sprint Prize) will enjoy travel and accommodation packages provided by the Hong Kong Jockey Club ("the Club"). Such incentive packages are non-transferable and cannot be redeemed for cash.

Owners of overseas runners wishing to contest in any other international Group races during the season should contact the International Racing Office for details on travel and accommodation packages.

AIR TRAVEL

Owners, Trainers & Jockeys

1. The Club will provide, on the selected carrier designated by the Club, return business class air tickets for the connections of each selected overseas horse as follows:
 - a) Owner – 2 tickets
 - b) Trainer – 2 tickets
 - c) Jockey – 1 ticket
2. Only the above-named are eligible for travel concessions. Under no circumstances will any additional concessions be reallocated, e.g. to a Jockey already in Hong Kong, to any person with an interest in more than one runner or who fulfils more than one role.
3. In the event of a horse being jointly owned, the Club will request one Owner only to be nominated as the recipient of the travel and accommodation concession.
4. To guarantee flight availability, Owners, Trainers and Jockeys need to confirm their travel schedules to the Club as early as possible and preferably at least two weeks before the race day.
5. Connections who purchase their own tickets must seek the prior approval of the Club. They may be reimbursed the amount equivalent to the Club's official travel agent's rate for business class travel, or the actual cost of their own tickets, whichever is lower.

Assistant Trainers, Head Lads, Exercise Riders & Grooms

A maximum of two persons per horse can travel at the Club's expense. If either person is unable to travel with the horse due to seat unavailability, the Club will provide economy class air tickets, at its discretion.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Owners, Trainers & Jockeys

1. Hotel accommodation (room only) will be provided for a maximum of two persons per category at the Club's selected hotel as follows:
 - a) Owner - 5 nights (1 room)
 - b) Trainer - 5 nights (1 room)
 - c) Jockey - 5 nights (1 room)

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2. Only the above accommodation concessions will be granted. Any extension of stay or any stay at a hotel other than the Club's selected hotel will be on each individual's own account.
3. In the case of a horse being jointly owned, additional tickets and accommodation facilities can be secured with our designated carrier and hotel, subject to availability, and will be on the individual's own account.

Assistant Trainers, Head Lads, Exercise Riders & Grooms

1. A maximum of two persons per horse will be provided accommodation (one room each) at the Club's selected hotel in Sha Tin for the normal duration of the trip. A pre-determined daily allowance to cover in house expenses such as food and beverage, transport, telephone / fax and internet as well as laundry will also be provided.
2. Any extension of stay will not be covered by the Club. Any stay at a hotel other than the Club's selected hotels will be on each individual's own account.

TRANSPORT SERVICE

The following transport services will be arranged by the Club:

Owners, Trainers & Jockeys

1. Airport transfer in Hong Kong.
2. Transport between the official hotels and Sha Tin Racecourse for morning track work and race meetings.
3. Transport between the official hotels and the venues for official functions.

Assistant Trainers, Head Lads, Exercise Riders & Grooms

1. Airport transfer for those travelling with the horse only; taxi in form of reimbursement or cash pre-payment to those making their own arrangements to and from the hotel.
2. Shuttle bus between the official hotels and the Quarantine stables.
3. Transport between the official hotels and the venues for official functions.

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RACE DAY RULES

1. The Club is delighted to invite overseas and local Owners' children (under the age of 18) to attend Hong Kong's international races. A dedicated team will ensure all young guests enjoy the best possible experience at pre-allocated dining and entertaining areas during the visit. Young guests will also be accompanied by our staff to visit the Parade Ring, and if victorious, the Winners' Circle as well as attending the trophy presentation ceremony while bypassing all betting related areas.

Government Regulations for Underage (Under 18) persons attending Race Meetings:

- a) Underage persons attending any race meetings must remain in designated dining and entertainment areas.
 - b) Underage persons attending any race meetings are not allowed to visit any betting areas where betting devices and information are available.
 - c) Underage persons are not allowed to place bets themselves or assign anyone to place bets on their behalf whilst in Hong Kong.
2. Race-goers may use mobile phones in designated areas. Mobile phones must be switched to "SILENT" or "VIBRATION" mode.
 3. Access to the Weighing Room and precincts will be strictly restricted to Trainers, Assistant Trainers, Travelling Head Lads, Jockeys and Club Officials.



BADGES AND PASSES

All official visitors will be issued with badges and passes. Badges and passes must be worn and openly displayed at all appropriate times, including all official events, at race meetings and during track work.



STABLE VISITS

International runners are stabled in approved isolation premises. Due to Biosecurity Regulations, **ONLY** Trainers, Jockeys and accredited stable staff will be issued with a stable pass. Access approval must be gained before travelling to Hong Kong. The pass must be openly displayed to gain entry to the stables and must be worn at all times inside the stables compound. Any losses should be reported to a Security & Integrity Department representative immediately.

For biosecurity reasons, no person that enters the isolation premises will afterwards be allowed to come into contact with a local Hong Kong horse or enter a Hong Kong stable facility on the same day.

TAX INFORMATION

Owners' earnings are tax free in Hong Kong whilst visiting Trainers' and Jockeys' earnings are subject to Hong Kong tax (currently at 10% of gross income). However, overseas connections are strongly advised to consult their tax experts / accountants in their home country about their respective country's tax liabilities.

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The Club will also offer shipping incentives to selected overseas horses for the same seven feature Group 1 races. **Only** horses selected for the LONGINES Hong Kong Cup, LONGINES Hong Kong Mile, LONGINES Hong Kong Sprint, LONGINES Hong Kong Vase, FWD QEII Cup, FWD Champions Mile and Chairman's Sprint Prize will qualify for such incentives.

Owners of overseas runners wishing to contest in any other international Group race during the season should contact the International Racing Office for details on horse shipment incentives.

1. The Club arranges and covers the normal costs of return transport by road from home stable to departure airport, and return air transport for each selected horse, based on existing cargo routes. Any Owner or Trainer making horse shipment plans outside the Club's recommended travel route or carrier may incur additional charges at his or her own expense. The shipping arrangements of all horses will be organised by the Club and co-ordinated by its appointed shipping agents. The Club and its transport agents will not be liable for any death of or injury to any invited horses during transportation to and from Hong Kong, or while in Hong Kong.
2. Horses from the same region will:
 - a) As far as possible, travel on the same flights;
 - b) Need to share pallets on the basis of two horses for each pallet. Any additional cost incurred by a requested change from the Club's arrangement will be borne by the Owners.
3. An LD3/AKE container shall be provided for every two horses traveling on the same flight at the Club's expense; for any necessary horse gear, equipment and feed. Any additional cost incurred for excessive loads shipped, will be borne by the Owners.



4. For countries where there is no direct cargo service flying into Hong Kong, or where quarantine protocols require that a charter flight is the best option, a travel subsidy will be provided to the Owners to assist with shipment costs for horses. Please contact Mr K L Cheng, Head of Dual Site Stables Operations, (Pg 53) for details.

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5. Shipping agents are as follows:

a) Australia / New Zealand

International Racehorse Transport Pty Ltd
Tel: +61 3 9643 3000
Fax: +61 3 9643 3030
Email: lford@irt.com

b) Europe / Bahrain

BBA Shipping & Transport Ltd.
Tel: +44 1638 665 021
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Email: kevin.needham@bbashipping.com

c) North America

International Racehorse Transport Inc.
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d) United Arab Emirates

Janah Management Co. Ltd.
Tel: +44 1638 732 100
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e) Japan

Nosawa & Co. Ltd
Tel: +81 3 3216 3476
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6. The Club strongly recommends to ship horses at least 8 days before the date of the race to allow for the recovery from, and appropriate treatment of, any potential travel related illness. Please note that medications used in the treatment of such horses, may be detected in samples taken for much longer than a week. Early arrival requests exceeding 14 days before the date of the race may be permitted by the Club, subject to availability of isolation stables in Hong Kong. However, it should be noted that Owners may be required to pay for any extra charges incurred for early arrival arrangements.
7. All visiting runners, except those required to fulfil certain pre-export quarantine requirements, should depart from Hong Kong within 7 days of racing. It should be noted that Owners may be required to pay for any extra charges incurred for extensions of stay in Hong Kong.
8. All horses must travel with their passport and any other official identification papers, which must be available for inspection and collection by the veterinary authorities upon their arrival at the isolation stables in Hong Kong. These documents will be endorsed and returned prior to the horses' departure from Hong Kong.
9. The Club will not be responsible for horse insurance. Connections should make their own insurance arrangements.
10. If the horse is withdrawn for reasons other than on veterinary grounds, the horse connections are required to pay all expenses such as shipping charges, etc.
11. Any quarantine costs outside of Hong Kong will be met by the Owner.
12. The Club will not provide any local horse to serve as a companion horse. A Trainer who would like to have a companion horse stabled with an invited runner must consider bringing one from their home country. Any additional costs for bringing a companion horse with the invited runner will be borne by the Owner.

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INSURANCE & VISAS

Visitors are recommended to check their individual visa requirements and to arrange their own insurance to cover travel, work, injury and illness during their stay in Hong Kong. For information regarding visas, please visit the Hong Kong Immigration Department website at www.immd.gov.hk/eng/faq/visas.html.

All visiting Jockeys will be covered for medical, personal accident and liability insurance under the Club's insurance policy upon licensing for injury arising out of their occupation within the Club's premises.

LICENSING

Licences for visiting Trainers and Jockeys will be issued on arrival. All Trainers and Jockeys who are granted a licence agree to be bound by the Rules of Racing and Instructions made by the Stewards of the Hong Kong Jockey Club ("the Rules") in force at the relevant time. The Club's Rules of Racing can be found at:

www.hkjc.com/English/racinginfo/racing_rules_instr.asp

Visiting Jockeys are required to arrive in Hong Kong at least one day prior to race day, unless alternative arrangements are approved by the Stipendiary Stewards in advance. A visiting jockey's licence will permit the holder to accept offers to ride in all races at Sha Tin on the day of the International race meeting. Jockeys invited to participate in the LONGINES International Jockeys Championship ("LONGINES IJC") conducted at Happy Valley Racecourse on the Wednesday prior to the LONGINES Hong Kong International race meeting may also accept race riding engagements for any race conducted at that race meeting and further may accept riding engagements at the LONGINES Hong Kong International race meeting the following Sunday irrespective of whether they hold an engagement to ride an invited international horse or otherwise.

ADVERTISEMENTS & SPONSORSHIP MATERIALS

Unless otherwise approved by the Stewards of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, no licensed person or member of stable staff is permitted to wear any item of clothing displaying any advertising material during the conduct of the race meeting and no horse shall be equipped with gear displaying any advertising material. Only riding breeches approved by the Club which do not carry words, colour seams or sponsorship logos may be worn by Jockeys in races or in track work. The Club may require Jockeys and stable staff to wear Club-approved branded gear.

PRE-RACE MEETING

All Jockeys participating in the LONGINES IJC and/or in any of the LONGINES International races and FWD Champions Day are required to attend a briefing with the Racing Stewards before the first race on the day of the relevant race meeting in the Inquiry Room at the relevant Racecourse. All relevant Jockeys will be informed in advance should a briefing be conducted prior to any other of the Club's principal races.



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RIDING CLEARANCE

All Jockeys are required to provide to the Stipendiary Stewards a clearance certificate from the racing jurisdiction in which they last rode notifying that they are not under any embargo which precludes them from accepting and fulfilling riding engagements in Hong Kong.

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

The Club's Chief Medical Officer (CMO) is in attendance at all race meetings and during the conduct of official barrier trials to attend to any injury or illness suffered by a Jockey and to determine a Jockey's fitness to ride. Any Jockey required to consult with the CMO on a non-race day can obtain the necessary contact details from the Stipendiary Stewards.

HELMETS AND SAFETY VESTS

Only helmets and safety vests complying with the following safety standards are approved to be worn by Jockeys and track work riders in Hong Kong, both in track work and in races:

Helmets	Safety Vests
EN 1384: 2017 or EN 1384: 2023 AS/NZS 3838 2006 PAS 015: 2011 ASTM F116 3-04a (2011), ASTM F1163-13 or ASTM F1163-15 UTAC/CRITT 04/2015 VG1 01.040 2014-12 SNELL E2016	EN 13158: 2018 – Levels 1, 2 and 3 ARB Standard 1.1998 JRA Descente



In order for a helmet to be approved for use, it will be necessary for a manufacturer's label to be attached to the helmet stating that it complies with any of the safety standards listed. Any helmet that does not comply with the aforementioned list of approved safety standards or does not carry a manufacturer's label may be confiscated by the Stipendiary Stewards.

In order for a safety vest to be approved for use, it will be necessary for a manufacturer's label to be attached to the safety vest stating that it complies with any of the safety standards listed above. Any safety vest that does not comply with the aforementioned list of approved safety standards or does not carry a manufacturer's label may be confiscated by the Stipendiary Stewards. Further, it is an offence to modify a safety vest in any way. Any person who is found to have a modified safety vest in their possession may be subject to disciplinary action and the safety vest will be confiscated.

Jockeys are entitled to a two pound allowance for the safety vest at the scales when weighing out for a race.

BREECHES

Jockeys participating in the LONGINES IJC are required to advise the International Racing Office of the size of the breeches they wear. The Club will provide a pair of breeches embroidered with the Jockey's name in both English and Chinese free of charge.

For Jockeys participating at the International Race meeting, each Jockey will be required to forward a pair of breeches so the Club can arrange for the embroidered name of the Jockey in both English and Chinese to be affixed to the breeches.

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RIDING EQUIPMENT

Personal riding equipment (boots, whip, helmet, safety vest, etc.) or any tack used on any horse outside of Hong Kong **MUST** be presented to the Club Quarantine Stables Manager or a Stipendiary Steward for cleaning / disinfection prior to use on any local horse in track work. Clothing and equipment used for riding a visiting international runner in Hong Kong must never be used on a local Hong Kong horse in track work. Accordingly, Jockeys will need to bring at least two sets of clothing and equipment if they are expecting to ride a local horse during their time in Hong Kong.

TESTING OF JOCKEYS

The Rules provide for the selection of Jockeys to undertake and pass a breathalyser test for alcohol and to provide a urine sample for the purpose of testing for prohibited substances. All Jockeys are required to be in the Jockeys' Room, Sha Tin Racecourse at least one hour before the first race on the day of the race meeting, irrespective of the time of the first race in which the Jockey has a riding engagement. This arrangement is also in place for those Jockeys invited to participate in the LONGINES IJC conducted at Happy Valley Racecourse. Jockeys may also be sampled or tested at any time when riding trackwork.

It is of critical importance that all visiting Jockeys are aware the following are Prohibited Substances (Jockey) under the Club's Rules:

- Alcohol – at or above a threshold of 22 micrograms of ethanol per 100 millilitres of breath, or 50 milligrams of ethanol per 100 millilitres of blood
- Amphetamines and amphetamine-like substances including the 'Ecstasy' group and excluding Pseudoephedrine, and Phenylpropanolamine
- Barbiturates and barbiturate-like substances
- Benzodiazepines and Benzodiazepine-like substances (Please note: Sleeping tablets are known to contain these prohibited substances – refer below)
- Benzylpiperazine (BZP), 3-Trifluoromethylphenylpiperazine (TFMPP) and other similar piperazine-based substances.
- Cannabinoids – at or above a threshold of 15 nanograms of delta-9-tetrahydro-11-nor-cannabinol-9-carboxylic acid per millilitre in urine.
- Cocaine
- Diphenidine and diphenidine-like substances
- Ephedrine – at or above a threshold of 10 micrograms of ephedrine per millilitre in urine unless for a prescribed and approved use
- Etomidate and etomidate-like substances
- Methylephedrine – at or above a threshold of 10 micrograms of methylephedrine per millilitre in urine unless for a prescribed and approved use
- 4-Iodo-2,5-dimethoxy-N-(2-methoxybenzyl)phenethylamine (25I-NBOMe), 4-bromo-2,5-dimethoxy-N-(2-methoxybenzyl)phenethylamine (25B-NBOMe), and other psychedelic substituted phenethylamines.
- Methylphenidate - unless for a prescribed and approved use
- Ketamine and Tiletamine
- Lasix (Furosemide) and other diuretics
- Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD)
- Opioids excluding the normal use of Codeine, Dextromethorphan, Dihydrocodeine, Ethylmorphine, Pholcodine, Propoxyphene and Tramadol.
- Phencyclidine
- Synthetic Cannabinoids
- Masking agents
- Tryptamine derivatives

In particular, Jockeys should note the following:

- Lasix and other diuretics are deemed as prohibited substances.
- Sleeping tablets may contain substances which are prohibited under the Rules.

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- Ephedrine and methylephedrine are prohibited substances when found in urine at or above a threshold of 10 micrograms per millilitre in urine. These substances are commonly available in cough and cold medications either prescribed by a medical practitioner or, in some instances, available in over-the-counter medications. Please ensure that any medication being taken at or around the relevant time does not contain either ephedrine or methylephedrine. If a Jockey has been prescribed with medications containing ephedrine and methylephedrine, please consult a Stipendiary Steward at the earliest opportunity to ascertain whether approval for use may be granted.
- It at all times remains the responsibility of each Jockey to be free of prohibited substances (Jockey) when riding in races or in track work in Hong Kong.

For avoidance of doubt, except for such drugs or substances in respect of which a threshold is specifically identified, the presence of any quantity of a prohibited substance (or its isomers or their metabolites or markers) or the presence of alcohol at or above the specified threshold in a sample shall constitute a breach of the Club's policy.

JOCKEYS OVERWEIGHT LIMIT

If a Jockey intends to carry overweight for any race the amount thereof must be notified at the time of declaration.

The following overweight allowances are permitted:

Horses weighted at:

115 lb to 120 lb, inclusive	→ 2 lb overweight permitted at time of declaration.
121 lb	→ 1 lb overweight permitted at time of declaration.
122 lb & above	→ No overweight allowance permitted.

DRUGS & ALCOHOL TESTING – TRACK WORK RIDERS

1. It is the Club's policy to carry out breath and urine testing of Track Work Riders to ensure workplace safety, horse welfare and a drug free environment.
2. Testing may be undertaken by Stipendiary Stewards at any time during track work.
3. Any person, who has been found to have an alcohol reading at or above the prescribed level or to have prohibited substances in their system, will be stood down from all duties and will be instructed to leave the stable compound with immediate effect. Any further approval to ride track work may be withdrawn.
4. The prohibited substances are defined under the Club's Prevention of Drugs and Alcohol Policy and are the same as the Prohibited Substances (Jockey) described above with the exclusion of Ephedrine, Methylephedrine, Lasix (Furosemide) and other diuretics.



ELECTRONIC TRACKING SYSTEM

Every horse when competing in a race shall carry operational electronic tracking devices as prescribed by the Club. The devices will be fitted into the assigned number saddle cloth.

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STABLING, FEED & SUPPLEMENTS

1. The Quarantine Stables are located at Sha Tin Racecourse, around 45 minutes from Hong Kong International Airport.
2. The stable blocks are temperature controlled, rubber floored throughout and monitored by closed circuit television. Each stable is equipped with feed manger and tie up ring.
3. The isolation stables compound includes rubberised horse walkers, sand rolls, weighing scales, wash bays, ice machines, freezers and an all-weather arena.
4. Two types of bedding are available: newspaper strips and wood shavings.
5. The stables' water supply is normal domestic drinking water through automatic water feeders. Alternatively, bottled distilled water will be provided upon request. If this is required, please plan to bring a suitable bucket.
6. The Club imports fodder from Australia, China, New Zealand, the UK and the USA. Large selections of proprietary feeds are available.
7. Importation of feed and water, subject to examination, is permitted within the limitation of aircraft space. However, the import of plant material, such as hay and chaff is subject to a valid Phytosanitary Certificate issued by the exporting country. Please note the Club has excellent stocks of Timothy Hay, Lucerne Hay and Chaffs.
8. Dietary supplements may contain unknown prohibited substances and all are used at the Trainer's own risk. Please ensure that you discuss all supplements, herbal or homeopathic products, liniments or other products you intended to use on your horse with a Club veterinary surgeon prior to using them. Do not assume that because you have used a product in your home country that it will be safe to use in Hong Kong. If a product claims to have a pharmacological effect, it is likely to be classified as a prohibited substance under the Rules. Supplements regularly used in Hong Kong are available on request, and you are strongly advised to use HKJC supplied products whenever possible.

EQUIPMENT

1. Spurs & Whips

No spurs may be worn in races or in track work. Only padded whips are to be used in races and in training and must be of a design which complies with the requirements of the Club's Stipendiary Stewards. The following padded whips are approved for use:

2. Nasal Dilators, Drop Nosebands and Other Unspecified Equipment

Nasal dilators and drop nosebands are not permitted to be used on horses in Hong Kong. Any other unspecified equipment may not be fitted to a runner without prior permission from Head of Veterinary Regulation, Welfare and Biosecurity Policy ("HVRWBP") or the Stipendiary Stewards.

Enforcer	Pro Cush
International Lite-Touch	Protekta
McKey Slick Stick	Snowbee
Persuader	Soft Crop

Each whip, irrespective of brand, must conform to the following specifications:-

Max Length (including pad)	70cm
Max Weight	160 gr
Min Shaft Diameter	1cm
Min Length of Pad	18cm
Min Width of Pad	2.5cm
Pad Specifications	The contact area of the shaft (including pad) must be smooth with no protrusion or raised surface. The padded segment of the whip shall consist of shock absorbing material that does not harden over time and does not absorb moisture. Patent leather material is not permitted.
Other	Other than adjustments to the handle or grip, a rider must not carry a modified whip. All whips must be dark in colour.

3. Bandages

Bandage wraps (known as polo bandages) with velcro adhesive straps – May be used in trackwork and barrier trials only. Special care must be taken to ensure the velcro adhesive is in good working condition which includes regular inspections. Two separate applications of electrical type tape (top and bottom of the bandage) of no less than 3 rounds, in contrasting colour to the bandage, must be applied to secure the bandage, with one application of the electrical type tape being directly over the velcro adhesive strap. Wet weather conditions may increase the risk of polo bandages being loosened or slipping and therefore their use during wet weather should be avoided whenever possible.

Adhesive bandages (Elastoplast) – May be used in trackwork, barrier trials and races. These bandages must be always stitched in contrasting coloured thread the full length of the bandage. The use of electrical type tape over the end of the bandage is permitted but does not replace the requirement for the bandage to be stitched.

Self-Adhesive Bandages (Vetrap/Coflex) – May be used in trackwork, barrier trials and races. Two separate applications of electrical type tape of no less than 3 rounds, in contrasting colour to the bandage, must be applied to secure the bandage, with at least one application of the electrical type tape being directly over the end of the bandage.

4. Equipment

Blinkers, Hoods, Pacifiers, Visors, Shadow Rolls, Sheepskin Cheekpieces, Crossed Nose Bands and Tongue Ties, all of which must be of a design approved by the Stipendiary Stewards, must be registered on the declaration form and submitted prior to declarations closing at 8:00 am on the Thursday preceding race day. The Stipendiary Stewards, in conjunction with the Department of Veterinary Regulation, Welfare and Biosecurity Policy ("DVRW&BP"), will conduct an examination of the equipment intended to be worn in races and/or in the Parade Ring by overseas runners in the week leading up to the International race meeting.

A hood may be approved to be worn in the Parade Ring and on the way to the start but not in the race. A hood approved to be worn in these circumstances **CANNOT** be removed until the horse arrives at the start. The wearing of a hood in the Parade Ring and on the way to the start, but not in the race, must also be similarly notified to the Stipendiary Stewards by the required time.

5. Leather reins or buckle reins are not permitted to be used in races or in track work.
6. Only safety stirrups of a design approved by the Stipendiary Stewards are allowed to be used for track work.

RACING SILKS

Please provide the Quarantine Stables Manager with your Racing Silks upon arrival. The Silks will be kept in the Jockeys Room for use on race day and will be returned to the respective stable immediately after racing.

TRACK WORK & AFTERNOON EXERCISE

1. The Club's daily track work training schedule must be observed by all visiting Trainers, Assistant Trainers, Head Lads, Jockeys, Track Work Riders and Grooms.
2. Afternoon exercise is confined to the Quarantine Stables. Please arrange a time with the Quarantine Stables Manager if this is required.

TRACK CONFIGURATION

1. Sha Tin Racecourse – horses run right-handed on a flat turf course 30.5 metres wide with a 430 metres (a little over 2 furlongs) homestretch.
2. Happy Valley Racecourse – horses run right-handed on a slightly undulating turf course 30.5 metres wide with a 310 metres (about 1.5 furlongs) homestretch.

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CRITICAL DATES

1. During the 90 days prior to export to Hong Kong, but not within 14 days, a horse must be administered either a primary course of approved vaccinations against equine influenza comprising of at least two doses with an interval of 4 to 6 weeks (or according to the terms of vaccine registration with the relevant government authority) or a booster vaccination given within 12 months of a primary course.
2. During the 14 days prior to export of the horse to Hong Kong, specific disease testing is to be performed.
3. No less than 10 days prior to a horse departing for Hong Kong, irrespective of the country in which the horse is located at the time, the trainer must submit the First Medication Declaration Form (MDF1) to the Club via the online Equine MediRecord system.
4. Between six days (maximum) and three days (minimum) prior to the horse departing for Hong Kong, irrespective of the country in which the horse is located at the time, a pre-travel veterinary inspection must be performed by a Club approved veterinary surgeon. At the time of this inspection, the inspecting veterinary surgeon must obtain from the horse's trainer a completed and signed copy of the Second Medications Declaration Form (MDF2), which records any additional medications administered to the horse since the submission of the First Medications Declaration Form (MDF1).
5. All medications administered to the horse after the veterinary inspection until its arrival in Hong Kong must be reported to the Club via the online Equine MediRecord system on the Third Medications Declaration Form (MDF3).

***NB** – Please refer to the Hong Kong SAR Government “Export Certificate for Horses Temporarily Imported into Hong Kong (Version: September 2020)” for provisions relating to vaccinations and disease testing involving multi-country travel.

- "Medication Declaration Form for Racehorses Travelling to Hong Kong to Compete in International Races" (MDF1)
- "Medication Declaration Update Form for Racehorses Travelling to Hong Kong to Compete in International Races" (MDF2)
- "Post-Arrival Medication Declaration Form for Racehorses Travelling to Hong Kong to Compete in International Races" (MDF3)
- "Pre-Travel Veterinary Inspection Form for Racehorses Travelling to Hong Kong to compete in International Races"



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CRITICAL MATTERS

The following items MUST be carefully read, understood and complied with:

1. Pre-travel Treatments

- a) All racehorses MUST test free of prohibited substances on race day.
- b) Trainers should be aware that advice given for the pre-race withdrawal periods of medications used in Hong Kong may be different from those used / recommended in other racing jurisdictions and also, that withdrawal periods may well be more conservative. For example, the Club recommends a 30 clear day withdrawal for clenbuterol.
- c) It is the responsibility of the Trainer, in writing, to seek clarification, from the Veterinary Officer (Fax: +852 2602 3305 or email: dvrwbp@hkjc.org.hk), regarding the recommended pre-race withdrawal periods used in Hong Kong for SPECIFIC medications, before they are administered to their horses.
- d) Trainers are reminded that certain corticosteroids, hormones, procaine penicillin and other slowly-eliminating medications may be detected for several months and that they are responsible for ensuring that their horses are free of all such substances.
- e) In accordance with the Hong Kong Jockey Club Rules of Racing Rule 136 (5)(i), horses which have been administered the specified prohibited substances may not be eligible to race, including but not limited to anabolic steroids (https://racing.hkjc.com/racing/english/racing-info/rules_pdf/Rules-content-2022.pdf).
- f) In accordance with Rule 136(6) , any horse;
 - aged under three years and six months as determined by its recorded date of birth which has been administered any bisphosphonate at any time; and
 - aged three years and six months or over as determined by its recorded date of birth which has been administered any bisphosphonate within 30 clear days before the day of the race on which the horse is declared to run in Hong Kong may not be eligible to race.

2. Medication Lists

- a) The Trainer MUST submit the horse's medication declaration by using online system Equine MediRecord no less than 10 days prior to the horse departing for Hong Kong, irrespective of the country in which the horse is located at the time and the Club will acknowledge its receipt.
- b) The submission MUST include **all** medications administered to the horse within one (1) month of the horse departing for Hong Kong and the last date of administration of all anabolic substances, long-acting corticosteroids, hormones, procaine penicillin and other slowly eliminated medications, including implants. This applies irrespective of which country the horse is located in prior to departing for Hong Kong.
- c) The Club approved inspecting veterinary surgeon MUST, at the time of his/her inspection, be provided with an update of any medication administered to the horse since the first medication declaration submission and updated medication list to be submitted to the Equine MediRecord system.

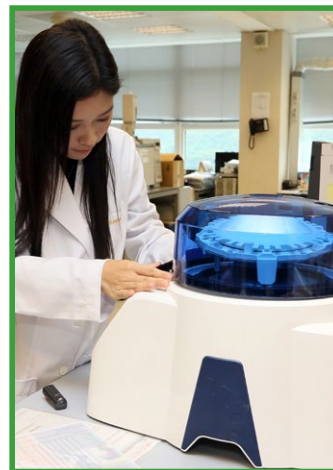


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- d) Any medications administered to the horse between the pre-travel veterinary inspection and the horse's arrival in Hong Kong MUST be submitted to the Equine MediRecord system.
- e) It is important to note that **ALL** medications administered to the horse MUST be declared, irrespective of whether or not they are considered as, or to contain, prohibited substances, under the Rules of Racing in any other racing jurisdictions.

3. Pre-travel Veterinary Inspection

- a) This compulsory inspection to evaluate veterinary aspects of the horse's suitability for travel and racing MUST be performed between six (6) days (maximum) and three (3) days (minimum) prior to the horse departing for Hong Kong, irrespective of the country in which the horse is located at the time, and the report MUST be made on the supplied standard form.
- b) It is **ESSENTIAL** that the Club's approved inspecting veterinary surgeon submits his / her inspection report AND the updated medication list to the Equine MediRecord **at least three (3) days prior to the horse departing for Hong Kong**. The Club will acknowledge receipt of the veterinary report. Failure to submit the required information on time may prevent approval being given for the horse to travel to Hong Kong.
- c) A video of trotting horse using the Sleip^R App should be submitted. An invitation and instructions on how to use the App will be forwarded to the nominated email address of the trainer.



4. Equine Influenza Vaccination

- a) Advance planning of racehorse vaccination programmes is essential as some countries' veterinary authorities may have differing and / or additional vaccination requirements for re-entry.
- b) No horse shall be accepted for travel unless it is certified by a registered Veterinary Surgeon to be correctly vaccinated against equine influenza as follows:
During the 90 days immediately prior to export from its country of permanent or usual residency, but not within 14 days of export, the horse was administered:

EITHER

A primary course of approved vaccinations against equine influenza comprising of at least two doses with an interval of 4 to 6 weeks or according to the terms of vaccine registration with the relevant government authority.

OR

A booster vaccination against equine influenza which was given within 12 months of a primary course, or within 12 months of a booster vaccination where it, and any other previous booster vaccinations, had been administered annually within a regular 12-month period since the primary course (which consisted of at least two doses with an interval of 4 to 6 weeks or according to the terms of vaccine registration with the relevant government authority).

- c) Please study the "Veterinary Guidelines for Horses Travelling Temporarily to Hong Kong" later in this document for further details.

5. Pre-travel Tests

- a) Equine infectious anaemia (EIA) and equine piroplasmosis tests MUST be performed within 14 days of export to Hong Kong.

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- b) An equine influenza test MUST be performed within 48 hours prior to departure in the exporting country.
- c) Please study the “Veterinary Guidelines for Horses Travelling Temporarily to Hong Kong” later in this document for further details.

PRE AND POST-TRAVEL INSPECTION, HEALTH PROCEDURES, MEDICATION AND TESTING

1. The equine health protocols for the temporary importation into Hong Kong of registered racehorses for international races is available at the Hong Kong Government website:

http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/quarantine/qua_ie/qua_ie_ipab/qua_ie_ipab_ihea/qua_ie_ipab_ihea.html

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Or the Club's horse shipping agents in each country.

It is essential that, prior to embarking on any journey, the racehorse's connections make appropriate enquiries of the veterinary authorities of all countries to be visited, including the country of final destination, to ensure that they have fulfilled all import requirements.

2. It is **strongly recommended** that every invited horse has a thorough veterinary clinical examination (including blood tests and endoscopic examination of the respiratory tract) performed by its usual veterinary surgeon prior to travelling to Hong Kong, to ensure that it is in a suitable condition to embark on long road and air journeys and reduce the risks of the horse being affected by “travel sickness”. A mild clinical or sub-clinical respiratory infection will undoubtedly be exacerbated by travel and could jeopardise a horse's chance of competing in the race and adversely affect its future health.
3. All invited horses will be subject to a pre-travel veterinary inspection by a Club-approved Veterinary Surgeon before its departure to Hong Kong, irrespective of the country in which the horse is located at the time. The purpose of this inspection is to ensure that the horse is not suffering from any apparent problems, which could possibly:
 - jeopardise its chances of competing in its race
 - have an adverse affect on its performance in its race
 - cause it to finish lame or suffer an injury during the race
 - adversely affect its health during travel

The inspection, as a minimum, requires the horse to be trotted-up in-hand on a firm flat surface and to undergo palpation of its locomotor structures. A video of the horse trotting in hand may be requested by the DVRWBP prior to travel. This will be arranged directly between the Trainer and the DVRWBP and may include the use of third party applications.

4. A Pre-travel Elective Urine Testing Service is available through the Club to assist the connections of horses in determining whether or not their horses are free of previously administered therapeutic medications. Please note that this is an advisory service only and that the official samples are those collected in Hong Kong. Details of this service may be obtained from the DVRWBP.
5. If a Trainer has more than one groom / representative for his / her horse(s), then ALL accompanying grooms / representatives will be deemed to be able to represent that Trainer's interest in respect of ALL sample collection procedures, unless written notification to the contrary is provided to the Club by the Trainer.

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6. Upon arrival at the isolation stables in Hong Kong, every horse will have a nasopharyngeal swab inserted into its nostril for Equine Influenza and "Strangles" testing and will be required to provide blood and urine samples for analysis for prohibited substances. The Trainer MUST ensure that his / her representative is present at the time of the horse's arrival in quarantine to assist with and witness the sample collection. Contracted flying grooms, grooms travelling with other horses and HKJC staff are NOT permitted to assist in this process.
7. Any sample reported positive to any prohibited substance as a result of this test and which is not consistent with the information declared on the pre-travel medication forms or with treatments documented to have been administered during travel (as declared in writing immediately upon the horse's arrival in Hong Kong), may be withdrawn at the absolute discretion of the Stipendiary Stewards any time prior to racing. If the horse is withdrawn under these circumstances, the travel subsidy and declaration fee may be forfeited at the discretion of the Stewards of the Club.
8. In accordance with the Rules of Racing, it is a requirement that each Trainer must as soon as practicable, report to a HKJC Veterinary Officer, Veterinary Surgeon or Stipendiary Steward any condition, abnormality, injury or sickness that may have the potential to affect, or might have affected, a horse's performance in a race.
9. All racehorses in Hong Kong are required to pass a compulsory pre-race veterinary inspection (including but not limited to: a lameness assessment, limb palpation and auscultation of the heart) conducted after track work the day before they race .
10. Should your horse be selected for a Post-Race Veterinary Inspection by the Stipendiary Stewards or the DVRWBP, please be advised that it will be subject to a lameness, heart (auscultation) and upper respiratory endoscopic examination immediately after racing. Any significant finding(s) from this examination, which may have had the potential to affect your horse's performance, will be communicated to the public.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Club is committed to the highest standards of regulation and transparency. Accordingly, veterinary conditions, both pre- and post-race, may be reported to the public at the Club's discretion. The Trainer will be consulted and advised in advance of the release of any public statement.

VACCINATION AND QUARANTINE

1. Certified documentary evidence of all vaccinations that have been administered to the horse must be available for inspection by the Club and Government Officials.
2. Visiting horses will be allocated specific isolation stables, training times and training locations. All notices and instructions (written and verbal) issued by Club and Government officials relating to these matters must be strictly complied with. As all overseas racehorses temporarily visiting Hong Kong are of equivalent health status, they shall, unless otherwise advised, be permitted to use the training tracks at the same time as each other, but at different times to local horses. Access to the isolation unit is strictly restricted to authorised persons only, and all such persons must be registered with the Club's Security and Integrity Department.

MEDICATION AND PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

1. The Rules are based upon participation free of prohibited substances and, therefore, all racehorses in Hong Kong are tested pre-race for such substances. Selected horses will also be tested post-race.
2. The Rules provide that *"The Stewards shall have the power to withdraw at their discretion any declared runner if a pre-race test taken from such horse is reported by the Chief Racing Chemist or other chemist authorised by him as positive or potentially positive for the presence of any prohibited substance."*
3. The Trainer may also be punished for breaching the Rules, in the event that a horse which has been declared to start in a race, is found to have been administered or been exposed to a prohibited substance.

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4. Whilst in Hong Kong, no treatment of any sort may be given to any racehorse without prior permission from the Club's veterinary surgeons – who are the only persons authorised to administer all treatments. If in doubt about a treatment of any sort, the horse's Trainer, or his authorised representative, should contact one of the Club's veterinary surgeons.
5. No horse may receive treatment on the day it has been declared to race. Treatment is defined as the administration of any substance by the oral or naso-gastric route, by injection, by topical application, by inhalation or by any other means, and includes without limitation prohibited substances and anything therapeutic, whether or not administered with the approval and / or the recommendation and / or under the supervision of the Veterinary Surgeon, or the administration or application of any physical procedure or therapy to a horse intended to have an effect. Horses may only be offered normal feed and water for voluntary oral consumption on race day. Further, no horse is permitted to be subject to an endoscopic examination on the day on which it is to race until after having competed in its race, without the express approval of the DVRWBP. The performance of manipulative therapy is not permitted on race day prior to the horse running in its scheduled race and the use of ice, ice packs or cold water treatment on a horse's limbs within two (2) hours of the scheduled time of the race is also strictly prohibited.
6. Electrolyte supplements for oral consumption that do not contain prohibited substances may be added to a horse's normal feed on race day in accordance with the manufacturer's dosage recommendations. Supplements must not, however, under any circumstances, be administered directly to the horse via syringe, oral applicators or by any other means.
7. It must be noted that any person providing veterinary services in Hong Kong must, as a statutory requirement under the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance, be registered with the Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong. To obtain such registration may take several weeks. Should a horse's connections anticipate that they may require the services of their own, or a specialist veterinary surgeon, then application to the Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong must be made at least four (4) weeks prior to such services being required.
8. It should be emphasised that all treatments given to, or procedures carried out on, a horse by a visiting veterinary surgeon, who has been properly registered in Hong Kong, shall be supervised by a Club veterinary surgeon.
9. For the purposes of the Club's Rules, the following are considered as prohibited substances:
 - a) Substances capable at any time of causing an action or effect, or both an action and effect, within one or more of the following mammalian body systems:
 - *the nervous system*
 - *the cardiovascular system*
 - *the respiratory system*
 - *the digestive system*
 - *the urinary system*
 - *the reproductive system*
 - *the musculoskeletal system*
 - *the blood system*
 - *the immune system except for licensed vaccines against infectious agents*
 - *the endocrine system*
 - b) Endocrine secretions and their synthetic counterparts
 - c) Masking agents
 - d) Oxygen carriers
 - e) Agents that are capable, at any time, of directly or indirectly causing an action or effect, or an action and effect on gene expression in any mammalian body. This includes but is not limited to gene editing agents and derivatives, which are those involved in DNA, RNA, transcriptional, post-transcriptional and epigenetic modification.

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Prohibited substances below the following thresholds are not actionable:

Threshold name	Threshold
Arsenic	0.3 microgram total arsenic per millilitre in urine 0.015 microgram total arsenic per millilitre in plasma
Boldenone	0.015 microgram free and conjugated boldenone per millilitre in urine from male horses (other than geldings)
Carbon dioxide	36 millimoles available carbon dioxide per litre in plasma
Cobalt	0.1 microgram total cobalt per millilitre in urine 0.025 microgram total (free and protein bound) cobalt per millilitre in plasma
Estradiol in male horses (other than geldings)	0.045 microgram free and glucuroconjugated 5α-estrane-3β,17α-diol per millilitre in urine¹ ¹ When, at the screening stage, the free and glucuroconjugated 5α-estrane-3β, 17α-diol exceeds the free and glucuroconjugated 5(10) estrane-3β, 17α-diol in the urine.
Hydrocortisone	1 microgram hydrocortisone per millilitre in urine
Methoxytyramine	4 micrograms free and conjugated 3-methoxytyramine per millilitre in urine
Prednisolone	0.01 microgram free prednisolone per millilitre in urine
Salicylic acid	750 micrograms salicylic acid per millilitre in urine, or 6.5 micrograms salicylic acid per millilitre in plasma
Testosterone	0.02 microgram free and conjugated testosterone per millilitre in urine from geldings when, at the screening stage, the free and conjugated testosterone exceeds five times the free and conjugated epi-testosterone, or 100 picograms free testosterone per millilitre in plasma from geldings, fillies and mares (unless in foal), or 0.055 microgram free and conjugated testosterone per millilitre in urine from fillies and mares (unless in foal)

- Note:
- The conjugated substance is the substance that can be liberated from conjugates.
 - The numerical values of the thresholds do not carry any implied precision (e.g., 0.3 is the same as 0.300).
 - Each threshold, including those for the same substance in urine and plasma, can be applied independently.
 - Whether a threshold has been exceeded or not in a sample is established solely from the concentration determined and the uncertainty of measurement associated with such determination.
 - No determination and consideration of the specific gravity of a horse urine sample is required when comparing its concentration with a urinary threshold.

SHOEING

- All horses must race shod with four aluminium plates (shoes). No horse shall be permitted to race unshod.
- The Club's farriers will be available for shoeing when required.
- Trainers are advised that the approval of the Head Farrier must first be obtained for the plating of horses for racing in any way other than with a nailed-on plain shoe. The use of any substance between the plate and the hoof, such as wedges, leathers, etc. also requires inspection and the approval of the DVRWBP.
- Glue-on aluminium racing plates are permitted if necessary and must be approved by the Head Farrier. It must be noted that it is not permitted for glue-on shoes to be applied or re-applied less than two (2) hours prior to the start time of the horse's race.



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5. Calks, toe grabs or other devices, which may represent a danger to other horses, are not permitted under the Club's Rules.
6. Connections may use the services of their own farrier providing that the DVRWBP is notified in writing at least three (3) days prior to the intended arrival of the farrier at the Club's racehorse isolation stables.
7. Horses must be presented for the pre-race veterinary inspection on the day before racing plated with the racing plates in which they will race.

VETERINARY CLINICAL SERVICES

1. Veterinary surgeons from the Club's Department of Veterinary Clinical Services will provide routine veterinary care for all horses while they are resident in Hong Kong.
2. Any questions regarding the clinical care of your horse may be addressed to the Head of Veterinary Clinical Services ("HVCS"):
Dr Brian Stewart, BVSc (Hons), MBA
Head of Veterinary Clinical Services
Department of Veterinary Clinical Services
The Hong Kong Jockey Club
Sha Tin Racecourse, New Territories
Hong Kong SAR, China
T: +852 2966 8830
F: +852 2966 6622
E: brian.d.stewart@hkjc.org.hk
3. You are encouraged to contact the HVCS before travelling to Hong Kong if you anticipate any particular veterinary requirements for your horse.

BARRIER PRACTICE

Visiting overseas Trainers who wish to give their horse(s) a jump out or barrier practice on the turf or all-weather track must obtain permission from one of following Club Officials.

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Starter

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Mr Marc van Gestel

Chief Stipendiary Steward

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PRE-RACE PARADE RING SCHOOLING

The Club provides visiting Trainers with the opportunity to school horses in the Parade Ring prior to the International race meeting.

Overseas horses may be schooled on selected days prior to the International race meeting. Schooling sessions can be arranged by contacting the Quarantine Stables Manager.

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VETERINARY GUIDELINES FOR HORSES TRAVELLING TEMPORARILY TO HONG KONG

Scheduled countries / places for temporary import into Hong Kong	Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Peninsular Malaysia (currently suspended from transporting horses directly or indirectly to Hong Kong), Macau Special Administrative Region of People's Republic of China, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Qatar, the Republic of Ireland, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.
Pre-export isolation requirements	Nil
Pre-export testing requirements	The sample for each test must be taken within 14 days of export to Hong Kong: - Equine Infectious Anaemia (EIA) (Coggins - Immunodiffusion test) - Piroplasmosis (IFAT- Indirect Fluorescent Antibody Test - for Babesia caballi and Theileria equi) A nasopharyngeal swab for Equine Influenza test must be collected within 48 hours prior to the horse's departure in the exporting country / Macau and a negative result subjected to one of the following tests: - A polymerase chain reaction test for influenza A - The Directigen Flu A or Flu A+B test kit manufactured by Becton, Dickinson and Company USA (BD) - The ESPLINE Influenza A and B-N kit manufactured by Fujirebio Inc
Vaccination requirements	Equine Influenza: During the 90 days immediately prior to export from its country / place of permanent or usual residency, but not within 14 days of export, the horse MUST have been administered: EITHER a primary course of approved vaccinations against equine influenza comprising of at least 2 doses with an interval of 4 to 6 weeks or according to the terms of vaccine registration with the relevant government authority OR a booster vaccination against equine influenza which was given within 12 months of a primary course, or within 12 months of a booster vaccination where it, and any other previous booster vaccinations, had been administered annually within a regular 12-month period since the primary course (which consisted of at least 2 doses with an interval of 4 to 6 weeks or according to the terms of vaccine registration with the relevant government authority).
*Special Vaccinations Requirements for Australian Horses Please note that Australia has different requirements for equine influenza and Japanese B encephalitis vaccination and testing for re-entry and these should be obtained from the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF). A waiver may be required from the Hong Kong Government. *Return / Onward Journey Requirements For returning to the original country of export or onward journey to another country, additional pre-export quarantine period, vaccination, treatment(s) (e.g. deworming, insecticide spray) and health testing requirements may apply. Please consult your shipping agent for details and advice in your advance travel planning.	

1. These guidelines are only to assist horses' connections with their travel planning and conditions are subject to change. Please refer to HK AFCD website for details of importation.

http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/quarantine/qua_ie/qua_ie_ipab/qua_ie_ipab_ihea/qua_ie_ipab_ihea.html

REMINDER: All registered horses on temporary importation into Hong Kong must be accompanied by duly completed "Export Certificate for Horses Temporarily Imported into Hong Kong (version: September 2020)" and signed by the official veterinarian of the country / place of dispatch.

2. Testing requirements may vary from time to time with an individual country's ability to certify freedom from the required disease for specific periods.

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3. Horse shipping agents and local animal health authorities will have the most current information.
4. A more comprehensive document setting out all of the Club's regulatory requirements will be forwarded to all connections following an invitation to compete in any International race being accepted. This document will be issued via one of the Club's shipping agents at the relevant time.
5. Official government health certification must be complied with for entry of horses into Hong Kong and re-entry into their country of origin or country of next destination, which will vary according to the itinerary of the horse.
6. Providing that all tests required for importation of horses into Hong Kong from the country of origin are completed in that country, then no further testing will be required in the cases of multiple country itineraries, providing that such horses are isolated from local horses and those not of equivalent health status, except during their races.
7. Please note that no vaccines may be administered within 14 days of import into Hong Kong.
8. Please note that no pregnant mare is allowed for temporary import into Hong Kong.

