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Veterinary Department

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: Equine Infectious Anemia and Coggin's test.

Dear Sir/Madam,

following the enquiries from some Federations, we would like to clarify the following:

the Italian Health Ministry's decree related to Equine Infectious Anemia (horses must result negative to serum test) will be enforced until 31 December 2009; it is a legal regulation that is enforceable on the National territory only and, therefore, it is not applied to horses coming from other European Countries; as far as the Extra-European Countries are concerned it is advisable to contact your Local Health Authority about the Decision 92/260/EEC and subsequent modifications.

In this regard, we kindly remind you that in any case FISE **strongly advises** riders with horses coming from abroad to enter the Italian territory with a **negative Coggin's Test** (test will have a one-year validity) in order to:

- avoid any legal problem deriving from a partial or unclear interpretation by the local Authority in charge of the controls for foreign riders that come to Italy;
- help the host venues/stables areas in the management of horses which would be difficult otherwise with heterogeneous sanitary documents;
- avoid any eventual possible controversy between owners of horses stabled nearby.

Thank you for your kind attention,
best regards,

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FISE Sports Director