



Date 29.10.14, via conference call

Present: Freija Glansdorp (FG), Jemimah Adams (JA), Kristina Cristof (KC), Rona Frame (RF), Jane Stone (JS), Cristine Driver (CD).

Agenda

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- FG has spoken to the local trading standards and their expectations of us as a PIO. Their main concern is to ensure horses which should not be in the food chain do not enter the food chain. They are not interested in people sending passports in late.
- FG discussed the DEFRA meeting with the group. DEFRA requires changes due to past fraudulent passports. There are going to be changes to the regulations in 2016 and corresponding changes to the rules to align all PIOs.
- Examples of new rules:
Breed passports can be from the relevant society in any member state;
ID only passports (no pedigree) have to be obtained in the UK but can be from any PIO.
New central equine database.
It will be a PIO requirement to record human consumption status.
DEFRA would likely want the legally responsible party to be the owner, this is still under discussion.
Imported Icelandic horses' data to be lodged with the IHSGB.
Medical pages will be moved to the front of passports in addition to other changes to layout.
- The group discussed questions from DEFRA:
All agreed with foal registrations within 6 months.
The group discussed how to encourage owners to register horses.
Ideas for implementing the requirements were discussed and the following suggested: educating owners, national coordinators, and incentives.
How to get owners to comply with microchipping was discussed and it was agreed that it would not be a good idea if PIOs had to supply the chips.

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- A tentative date for the next GK could be 2nd or 3rd week in March or 4/5 April or 23rd May.

Date of next meeting: 26th November 2014 at 8.30pm via powwownow

JA