



## **FEI / FEIF equine influenza vaccination rules, FIRO 1.4**

### **FEI / FEIF equine influenza vaccination rules concerning the allowed intervals (for those participating in any Icelandic horse event)**

- FIRO 1.4 requires for every horse taking part in Icelandic horse events proof of vaccination according to the Veterinary Rules of FEI.
- All horses that intend to compete in any event must have received at least an initial primary course of two vaccinations, the second dose of which must have been given between 21 and 92 days after the date of administration of the first dose. Thereafter, a third dose (referred to as the first booster) must be given within 6 months and 21 days after the date of administration of the second primary dose, with at least annual boosters given subsequently (i.e. within 365 days of the last dose).
- If the horse is scheduled to take part in an event, the last booster must have been given within 6 calendar months + 21 days of the start of the event or of entry to the stables, whichever is the sooner. (The 21-day window has been provided to enable vaccination requirements to fit in with the competition schedule.)
- No vaccination should have been given within 7 days of the start of the event or of the entry to the stables whichever is the sooner.
- When the interval between the last vaccination and the start of the event or of entry to the stables is more than 6 month and 21 days, the horse does not need to receive a primary course of two vaccinations, one vaccination is sufficient. (NB provided the 12-month interval was never interrupted since the last primary course.)
- All horses that were certified as correctly vaccinated under the previous FEI equine influenza vaccination rule prior to 1 January 2005, do not need to start a primary course again provided that they have complied with the previous rule of primary course and annual re-vaccinations and the new rule of a booster vaccination within 6 calendar months + 21 days of the day of arrival at the FEI event.
- Horses who do not compete, should receive at least annual boosters given subsequently (i.e. within 365 days of the last dose).

## More general

- All proprietary equine influenza vaccines are acceptable, irrespective of the route of administration.
- All vaccines must be administered by a Veterinarian.
- The vaccination should be administered according to the manufacturer's instructions (i.e. intramuscular injection or intranasal). The details of the vaccine, serial/batch number, the date and route of administration must be recorded in the passport.
- Where vaccination details are to be entered into new passports or duplicates, if the vaccination history of the horse is very long, the Veterinarian who completes the descriptive page of the passport may use a specific statement to certify that the vaccinations have been administered in accordance with FEI regulations (for an extract of the wording see FEI Veterinary Regulations, Annex XIV.I.11).

## Infectious Disease

No horse should compete if it has a clearly transmissible disease. Competition venues should be a clean and safe environment, and never the source of infections for other horses. Veterinary inspections try to ensure this, but if you are not certain, then consult your veterinary advisers early. If you arrive at an event and your horse is an infection risk to any other horses, then you must expect not to be allowed to compete for the benefit and protection of others.

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