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PROCEDURES FOR RIDERS AND STABLE EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES COMING TO NZ FROM OVERSEAS

Following further consultation with overseas racing jurisdictions concerning protocols for preventing the spread of Equine Influenza, procedures issued by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) for Riders or Stable Employers or Employees coming from Australia to ride or work in New Zealand issued on 5 September 2007 have been further tightened to ensure stricter safeguards as follows:

- 1. Any rider or stable employer or employee who has attended an equine facility or ridden or worked with a horse overseas, with particular emphasis on Australia, and who intends to work with a horse or ride trackwork or ride in a race or in a trial in NZ must notify the Stipendiary Stewards or Racecourse Inspectors prior to embarking for NZ and to communicate with Stipendiary Stewards or Racecourse Inspectors upon arrival in NZ before attending an equine facility or working with a horse in NZ.**
- 2. Any employer intending to employ any rider or stablehand from overseas to work in NZ must notify the Stipendiary Stewards or Racecourse Inspectors prior to that employee embarking for NZ or taking up employment in NZ and attending an equine facility or working with a horse in NZ.**
- 3. All gear to be used by a rider coming from overseas (including but not limited to gear bags, whips, boots, helmets, body protectors, saddles and attachments and packing) must have been purchased after arrival in NZ or borrowed from within NZ. NO GEAR IS PERMITTED TO BE BROUGHT INTO NZ FROM OVERSEAS.**
- 4. Riders must present themselves to the Stipendiary Stewards or Racecourse Inspectors to have all their riding gear inspected. When presenting to Stewards, it is the riders' responsibility to provide proof that the required measures in point 3 (above) have been adhered to (e.g. receipts, contact details of persons who have lent/stored gear etc.)**
- 5. The rider will be permitted to ride only after he can assure the Stipendiary Stewards or Racecourse Inspectors that all appropriate biosecurity precautionary measures have been undertaken.**
- 6. Riders, stable employers and employees must not attend any equine facility or work with a horse for at least 48 hours after arriving in NZ and only after they have undertaken the above procedures. It is the riders' responsibility to provide proof of arrival (e.g. boarding card, ticket)**

The above procedures are subject to change.

If any person has a query regarding any issue involving Equine Influenza please contact:

1. Chief Stipendiary Steward, Cameron George 027 444 1855 or
2. Chief Racecourse Inspector, John McKenzie 021 373373