

Notes for Guidance

Paralympic Games, Beijing 2008

It is suggested that all National Federations make themselves aware of the following procedures that have been produced by the AFCD (HK Agriculture and Fisheries Department). They will apply to all horses wishing to travel to Hong Kong to take part in the 2008 Paralympic Games

- From the 27th June 2008 all horses who might be going to Hong Kong MUST commence a period of FULL MONITORING so that a State Veterinarian can confirm, in writing, all movements by horses in/out of their resident country. Please refer to the Equestrian Freight Manual for further details.
- From the 18th August all Hong Kong bound horses MUST travel to, and remain within, an approved quarantine facility - Europe (Aachen is approved and will be the major quarantine facility). Private quarantine facilities may be established for GBR, North America, Australasia and Asia.
- Only horses having followed these procedures will be eligible for travel to Hong Kong on the available flights.

May we also draw your attention to Article 4.1.1 of the Equestrian Freight Manual published by Peden Bloodstock, Official Horse Transporters for the Paralympic Games 2008.

4.1.1 To be eligible for import to Hong Kong horses must be resident in approved country/countries for sixty (60) days. During this time they will complete seven (7) days pre export quarantine prior to departure and blood tested as specified in the AFCD requirements and summarised in point **4.1.5** of the Equestrian Freight Manual. All these conditions will need to be certified by an Official Veterinarian authorised by the Veterinary Administration of the country of export.

2.1.1 Currently the following countries are approved by AFCD:

- Argentina
- Australia
- Canada
- European Union (all 27 member states)
- Japan
- Macau
- Malaysia
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Republic of South Africa (AHS free zone only)
- Switzerland
- United Arab Emirates
- United States of America

Flight Schedules to and from HKG

To Hong Kong:

Tuesday 26th August

Wednesday 27th August

From Hong Kong:

Saturday 13th September

Sunday 14th September

At the time of publication flight times on these days had not been finalised. Further details will be published as soon as possible.

In summary, horses need to be identified by the 27th June at the latest if they may be used in Hong Kong and, thereafter, fully comply with the quarantine conditions imposed by the Hong Kong authorities. It will not be possible to grant exceptions to the above under any circumstances.