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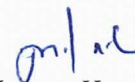
Subject: Recognition of equine holding facilities of defence services/private establishments as separate compartments

It was observed that various establishments having equines with different health status face difficulties due to restrictions on equine movement imposed after Glanders outbreak in another establishment or area. National action plan for control and eradication of Glanders 2019 has the provision of recognition of equine holding facilities as separate Glanders free compartments.

The Department constituted an expert committee for recognition of equine holding facilities of public /private establishments as separate compartments. The said Committee has developed a performa/check list for the purpose. The applicant/management of a compartment must provide documented evidence as per the application to the Veterinary Administration.

The undersigned is directed to inform that an establishment may apply in the format enclosed herewith for recognition of equine holding facilities as separate compartment with documented evidence

Yours faithfully,



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Distribution:

1. All members of the Expert Committee
2. Director, ICAR-NRCE, Hisar, Haryana
3. Principal Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry, All States
4. Director, Department of Animal Husbandry, All States
5. Director General, Remount and Veterinary Services
6. Chairman, Turf Authority of India
7. President, National Horse Breeding Society
8. PPS to AHC, DAHD, New Delhi
9. PPS to JS(LH), DAHD, New Delhi

Performa- Glanders free compartment of equine holdings/Establishments

The applicant/management of a compartment must provide documented evidence on the following to the Veterinary Administration

1.	Details of the compartment/establishment	Particulars to be filled by Equine holding facility	Expert Committee observation
i	Name & address of the establishment		
ii	Species & number of equids maintained		
iii	Scope & objectives of the compartment		
iv	Name & designation of the person legally responsible for the compartment		
v	Registration details of private establishment with DAHD, Govt of India or any statutory body		
vi	Total area, location with demarcation of compartment. Attach map		
2	Infrastructural factors		
i	Provision of fencing or other effective means of physical separation		
ii	Changing room		
iii	Unloading and loading facilities		
iv	Isolation & quarantine facilities		
v	Storage facilities for feed and veterinary products		
vi	Disposal facility for carcasses, manure and waste		
vii	Drainage or other means		
viii	Availability of potable water supply		
3	Biosecurity		
i	Controlled animal movement		

ii	Access management for men and materials		
iii	System for vehicles access control		
iv	Disinfection procedures		
v	Sources of feed, water and bedding		
vi	Random Quality testing for feed & water		
vii	Vector and pest control measures		
viii	Reporting to Department of Animal Husbandry , New Delhi with information to the State concerned		
ix	Programmes for educating and training workers to ensure that all persons involved are knowledgeable and informed on biosecurity principles and practices		
x	Visitor's logbook		
4	Physical or spatial factors for biosecurity in a compartment		
i	Statement on functional boundary for adequate separation of the compartment from adjacent animal populations with a different health status.		
ii	Location of the nearest epidemiological units or other epidemiologically relevant premises		
iii	Distance from: a) herds with a different health status in close proximity to the compartment		
	b) equine markets, fairs, shows, sporting events, zoos and other points of animal concentration		
5	Traceability system		

i	<i>Animal identification systems</i> (All animals within a compartment should be individually identified and registered)		
ii	Date of birth, production category, sex, breed, animal identification of the parents.		
iii	<p><i>Animal movements</i> into and out of the compartment should be registered and recorded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. date of the movement b. the number of animals moved c. the destination compartment and any in transit compartment d. type of transport system used e. Animal imported/exported (a record of the animal identification from the exporting country should be linked with the animal identification assigned in the compartment) 		
iv	<p><i>Other than movement record</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Birth, elimination and death of the animal b. Change of ownership c. Animal missing (lost, stolen, etc.) 		
6	Quarantine measures		
i	Quarantine (Minimum 21 days) of the newly inducted equids and tested during this period before mixing them in the subpopulation		
ii	Mixing of animals of other compartments having similar management and husbandry practices related to bio-security and immune status only shall be permitted as per SOPs		
iii	Biosecurity procedures for ensuring restricted contact with		

	personnel having attended equids of different immune status and management and husbandry practices		
7	Production & Health Record		
i	Breeding/production records (minimum 6 months)		
ii	Morbidity and mortality records (minimum 3 years)		
iii	Proper documentation of health cards of every animal, including records of health investigation, treatment, vaccination, testing for various diseases, etc. (minimum 3 years)		
iv	Any other information that could be useful in epidemiological separation of the compartment from other equids of unorganized sector		
8	Glanders surveillance		
i	The historical status of a compartment for the presence of glanders		
ii	No occurrence of glanders for at least 10 years in the compartment		
iii	Documents of glanders / <i>B.mallei</i> infection surveillance for at least past 3 years		
iv	Testing should be conducted by recognized Laboratory		
9	Management		
i	Veterinary management of animals under the supervision of registered veterinarian(s)		
10	Auditing & Monitoring		

i	All records shall be maintained in a readily accessible form so as to be auditable by the an expert team of veterinarians constituted by Department of Animal Husbandry, New Delhi, GOI		
ii	Compliance certification by the Chief Veterinary Officer of State Animal Husbandry Department/ Equivalent/ Rep of Director General RVS.		
iii	Review of records every 5 years by an expert team of veterinarians constituted by DAHD (Note: Finding evidence of <i>B. mallei</i> infection of any magnitude invalidates its free status). Mid-term review may be instituted as deemed fit by DAHD.		
11	Supervision and control of a compartment		
i	DAHD, MoFAHD, GoI has the final authority in granting, suspending and revoking the status of a compartment. Registered compartment should be kept under continuous supervision for compliance with all the requirements critical to the maintenance of the compartment status		