

Roma, 9 March 2007 GG/Prot. n. LUS8 Vetrinary Department

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir/Madam.

with reference to our email dated 02/02 and following the request of further details from some Federations, we would like to clarify the following:

The Ministry's decree is a legal regulation that is enforceable on the National territory only and, therefore, it is not applied to horses coming from other European Countries; as far as the Extra-European Countries are concerned it is advisable to contact your Local Health Authority about the Decision 92/260/EEC and subsequent modifications.

We kindly remind you that in any case the FISE strongly advises riders with horses coming from abroad to enter the Italian territory with a <u>negative Coggins Test</u> in order to:

- avoid any legal problem deriving from a partial or unclear interpretation by the local Authority in charge of the controls for foreign riders that come to Italy;
- help the host venues/stables areas in the management of horses which would be difficult otherwise with heterogeneous sanitary documents;
- avoid any eventual possible controversy between owners of horses stabled nearby.

The test will have a <u>one-year validity</u> and tests made after 31/08/2006 will be considered as valid.

Best regards,

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