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ADVISORY: INCIDENCE OF GLANDERS IN DELHI

1. National Research Centre on Equines (Hisar) has reported nine civilian equines from two localities of New Delhi District viz Dusgraha , Todapur (one animal) and Rangpuri (eight animals) of Delhi region to be serologically positive for Glanders, vide their letter number PA/Dir/Glanders /1417 dated 08/09 Aug 2018. A notification from Delhi Government / Central Government in the context is awaited.
2. Notwithstanding the same, **directions as given vide this Dte Gen letter No 83001/Q/RV-3 dt 11 Nov 2013 be followed in letter in spirit.** All necessary precautions with respect to prevention and control of this disease in army horses will be taken by all equine holding units in adjoining areas.
3. In addition following be ensured:-
 - (a) All horses taking part in various events should be accompanied with a report certifying their negative CFT status for Glanders alongwith a certificate from VO stating that animals are apparently free from any contagious diseases before horses embark from their parent stations/units.
 - (b) At receiving station, it will be ensured that all participating horses for various events have been pretested for Glanders and only Glanders negative animals are allowed in station/ event.
 - (c) The certification and CFT test should not be more than fourteen days old.
 - (d) The negative CFT result will be valid for a particular station and in case of move of animals from one station to other, CFT test will again be conducted.
 - (e) All animals which arrive for any event will be physically checked by a designated VO, at the point of reception, for any symptoms of contagious diseases, specifically the nostrils for ulceration and discharge, submaxillary glands for inflammation and lymphatics for cording.

- (f) During their stay, the horses of one contingent should be stabled together in their camps/stables and not permitted to mix with horses from other est/location.
- (g) Mixing and housing of army equines with civil equines would not be carried out.
- (h) It will be ensured that each horse is watered and fed individually and use of community/ common watering troughs will be forbidden.
- (j) Individual line gear for each animal will be maintained and no overcrowding will be permitted.
- (k) All possible precautions for preventing indirect spread of disease (through fomites) will be taken.
- (l) All possible hygiene and sanitary measures be enforced at the site of the sport and in & around the animals sheds to ensure that animals remain disease free.
- (m) Veterinary officers will regularly screen all animals for clinical signs of Glanders and CFT of all doubtful cases will be carried out to rule out the disease.
- (n) All participants/ owners of horses will be made aware of the manner of spread of disease, problem areas, preventive measures and the risks associated, so that they ensure Glanders free status of their animals. Owners will also be educated about requirement of destruction of Glanders positive animals.

3. It is recommended that all necessary bio safety measures and sanitary precautions be undertaken by staff & handlers during the conduct of events and transport of horses.

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