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Dear General

Please refer to your letter No. 065/EFI/2015 dated 12th November, 2015 addressed to Animal Husbandry Commissioner regarding difficulties faced by riders regarding quarantine protocol while importing equestrian sports horse.

2. In this context, it is clarified that the Animal Quarantine and Certification Services (AQCS) has been established by this Department under the mandate of Livestock Importation Act., 1898 so as to provide quarantine facilities for imported animal including the sport horses which are to be quarantined for 30 days to prevent ingress of diseases in the country and in particular exotic diseases from which the country is hitherto is free. The Animal Quarantine and Certification Services, Kapashera is equipped to accommodate all category of horses for a specified period including the sport horses. An exercise area for horses is also provided with during the quarantine period.

3. The sport horses are also quarantined in the AQCS, Kapashera and there are no complaints from any of the importers of sport horses on these aspects. Nonetheless, the Department is continuously upgrading the facilities within the resources available. However, Equine Disease Free Zone has already been established at RVC, Meerut and same need to be maintained as per the EU norms and can have all the required facilities as referred to in your letter for two way movement of sport horses

4. As regards to minimising the period of quarantine, it is informed that the prescribed period of 30 days quarantine is required so as to ensure that the exotic diseases of horses having variable incubation period can be detected during this period, if any and also necessary post import tests to be conducted.

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