

5. The Quarantine charges for keeping the horses in the AQCS were revised keeping in view of enhanced cost on quarantine and the charges are thus justified.

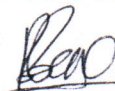
6. The sport horses are mainly imported from Germany, United Kingdom, Argentina and these countries fulfilled the veterinary certificate requirement for export of sports horses to India. A standard Health Certificate for import of horses is available on website of the Department www.dahd.nic.in with link Trade.

7. So far as travelling of horses from India to Europe and USA for training and taking part in competitions abroad is concerned, it is clarified that the RVC Centre, Meerut had established EDFZ for temporary movement of sports horses and the sports horses were travelled to Korea and Germany for participating in the Asian games from the same EDFZ. Approval of the EDFZ was upto October, 2014. The Department requested Director (Technical) on 22nd September, 2014 for processing the matter by RVS for further recognition of EDFZ beyond October, 2014. However, RVS has shown their least interest to process further for getting EU approval beyond October, 2014. In this regard, I have written a detailed letter on 23rd November, 2015. You may instruct the RVC Centre Meerut to revive the EDFZ and approach EU to get the EDFZ approved further. In this regard, I have written a D.O. letter to DG, RVS.

8. On the requirement of information on age sex and breed of the horses, these aspects will be looked into by Department from the point of view of keeping these as pre-conditions of import. However, the issues related to reduction in Customs duty, paper works requirements related to DGFT license, the matter may be taken up with the Department of Commerce for redressal of issues.

With regards

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