



## **DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETION AND VALIDATION OF AN EC NATIONAL PASSPORT**

Please refer only to the sections of this document that apply to you. Follow the directions in your section carefully. If you have any questions, please contact the Equestrian Canada FEI Passport Department at 613-287-1515 ext. 121 or email Sophie Heron at [sheron@equestrian.ca](mailto:sheron@equestrian.ca).

### **VALIDATION OF YOUR NATIONAL PASSPORT**

All EC National Passports must be completed by the owner and the veterinarian. **Once the passport has been completed as per these outlined directions, it must then be returned to the Equestrian Canada office for official validation, including completion of the horse and owner information.**

**YOUR EC NATIONAL PASSPORT MUST BE VALIDATED BEFORE YOU CAN USE IT AT COMPETITIONS.**

**IF YOU COMPETE WITH AN INVALID PASSPORT YOU WILL FACE FINES.**

**SECTIONS 1, 2, 3 & 4 MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE YOUR PASSPORT CAN BE VALIDATED FOR COMPETITION**

#### **1. SIGNATURE OF OWNER**

You'll see two blank boxes on the right-hand side of the *Details of Ownership* page. Please sign the **TOP** box only. **Leave all other columns blank.**

#### **2. IDENTIFICATION**

The identification page **must be completed by your veterinarian.** The veterinarian who completes and certifies this passport **cannot** be the owner of the horse. The veterinarian must indicate on both the diagram and the narrative all the markings on the horse. The identification page must be dated and certified with the stamp and signature of the veterinarian.

General Guideline to avoid common mistakes:

- **Use a black ball-point pen for the written narrative. Never use blue. USE BLOCK LETTERS.**
- **Do not use correction fluid (i.e. 'Wite-Out').**
- All lines in the narrative **must** be completed. The narrative and the diagram **must** match.



- White marks must be clearly **OUTLINED ONLY** using a red ball-point pen – **Do Not Shade**.
- Un-pigmented areas such as flesh marks, wall eyes or stripes on the hoofs are entirely coloured (shaded) in red.
- A permanent scar is indicated by an arrow pointing to the site using a black ball-point pen.
- All ermine marks must be indicated using black ball-point pen.
- Whorls are indicated by an “X” using a black ball-point pen.
- The location of the whorls is very important and must also be indicated in the written narrative.
- The brand is indicated in the written narrative and also drawn on the diagram using a black ball-point pen.

### 3. **VACCINATIONS – EQUINE INFLUENZA ONLY**

Details of every vaccination, **beginning with the most recent administration of primary vaccines and subsequent booster shots to date (see next page)** must be entered clearly and in detail, and must include:

- Date following this example: 10 March 1994 (**Not** 10/3/94).
- Details of the location where the vaccination was administered, indicating city/town and country.
- Name and batch number of vaccine.
- Method or administration (*Intra-muscular (i.m.)* *Intra-nasal (i.n.)*).
- Certification of veterinarian, which must include signature and stamp. The veterinarian must certify each vaccination with signature and stamp.
- \* **DITTO MARKS MUST NOT BE USED** \*

### 4. **HORSE PEDIGREE**

- Please fill out the pedigree page in black ball-point pen.
- Use “Unknown” if the immediate breeding is not known.

### **EQUINE INFLUENZA VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS**

Equine Influenza is a viral respiratory disease, which is highly contagious to susceptible horses. Outbreaks of the disease are occurring with increased frequency worldwide despite the widespread use of vaccines. The disease is characterized by high morbidity (many horses will get infected), but low mortality (very few horses will actually die from the disease). Horses that contract the disease will usually be out of training for a few weeks, but the majority will recover and return to full athletic potential. The highly contagious nature of equine influenza means that it has the potential to seriously



compromise international movement of horses. There are a number of vaccines on the market against equine influenza; most of these vaccines are combination vaccines (i.e. they also protect against tetanus, or herpes virus, etc.).

Equine Influenza vaccinations must be administered, recorded and endorsed by a veterinarian who is **not** the owner of the horse as follows:

- From 1 January 2005 onwards, all horses competing in FEI competitions require influenza vaccination within six months + 21 days of the competition.
- All horses applying for an EC National Passport and/or intending to participate in FEI competition must have at least received an **initial primary course of two vaccinations, given between 21 and 92 days apart**. Thereafter, a third dose (referred to as the first booster) must be given within 7 months after the date of administration of the second primary dose, with at least annual boosters given subsequently (i.e. within one year of the last dose).
- If the horse is scheduled to take part in an FEI competition, the last booster must have been given within 6 months + 21 days of arrival at the FEI event. (The 21-day window has been provided to enable vaccination requirements to fit in with the competition schedule).
- No vaccination shall be given within 7 days of the day of arrival at the FEI event.

**NOTE:** If there is an existing record with vaccinations listed, the following statement can be written, **exactly as shown below**, in the first row of the Equine Influenza section of the passport:

Date	Place and Country	Vaccine			Name, Signature and stamp of vet
Day/Month/Year		Name	Batch	Route	
<i>(Date statement was recorded)</i>	<b>The vaccination history of this horse is correct to date. Last vaccination on</b> _____				<i>(Vet stamp and signature)</i>

***Passports not completed according to the regulations outlined above will be returned with a memo outlining the reasons the passport could not be validated.***

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:**

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