



Federation of European Equine Veterinary Associations

FEEVA POSITIONS

FEEVA Position on Infectious Disease Surveillance.

Both endemic and exotic equine infectious diseases present a significant and ongoing threat to the health and welfare of the European horse population. Infectious disease also cause significant economic losses to the equine industry.

FEEVA welcomes the development and implementation of disease surveillance programmes by the regulatory authorities and the equine industry across the member states.

Such disease surveillance programmes must include all the individuals in a population in order to be effective, not just the higher value animals.

FEEVA also welcomes the accurate and prompt reporting of the results of disease surveillance programmes to ensure ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of disease control measures.

The regulatory authorities in all member states should engage with their equine industry to develop, test and review risk-based contingency plans for dealing with infectious diseases in the event of an outbreak.

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