

Federation of European Equine Veterinary Associations

FEEVA POSITIONS

FEEVA Position on Identification and Registration of horses

FEEVA considers that electronic identification of horses in combination with the passport and diagram is the method of choice to identify the horse.

FEEVA recognizes that hot branding and tattooing are a mutilation. FEEVA considers that electronic identification should be used to replace hot branding, freeze branding and tattooing.

FEEVA considers that a central national and preferably one European Union (EU) database related to the microchip registration, should contain all the necessary information to guarantee reliable access concerning the horses status (life number, microchip number, food versus non food producing status, name and address of the owner and location of the horse), in order to ensure the food safety of the consumer and to be an essential aid in disease control strategies.

Direct electronic access to this information must be possible. Furthermore, these databases must be up to date, registration of dead horses must be eliminated and multiple registrations of the same horse be avoided.

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