

Horse ID & passports



The current legislation

EU 262/2015:

- Horse owners must apply for passports before the horse is 11 months old
- Horse passports must be updated by the passport issuing authorities if the status of the horse is altered
 - Castration
 - Consumer status
 - Microchip no



The current legislation

EU 262/2015:

- Horses can only be medicated legally, if they have a passport
- The veterinarian must check the consumer status of the horse in the passport to be able to treat the horse according to current legislation

How do we treat horses without
passports?



EU legislation 262/2015

Before the FEEVA GA 2016:

- National veterinary associations from FEEVA member countries contacted their national authorities to clarify the rules regarding foal medication

EU legislation 262/2015

Before the FEEVA GA 2016:

- Germany, Sweden and Denmark had been informed from the authorities that no solutions were available from the specifications to be read in 262/2015.



The Danish National Authorities approached the EU Commission in 2016, and were informed:

- because all EU countries are regulated according to the same regulation (EU Regulation 262/2015) the EU Commission agrees to evaluate the regulation based on descriptions of the difference in handling medication of these particular horses in each EU member country.

Debate GA 2016 in Berlin

- EU regulation 262/2015



Board decision: Joint paper

Input from all members:

- Visualise the different approaches that apparently was evolving to handle the problem across Europe



Mail request to members

Input from:

- Belgium
- UK
- Czech Republic
- Holland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Sweden
- Spain
- Germany
- Denmark



Joint paper content

- Introduction
 - Countries are caught in a situation where injured horses under some circumstances cannot be medicated legally
 - Different standards seems to have developed
 - The FEEVA board is very concerned about the ethical horse welfare perspective in this matter
 - We need a uniform solution
- Unedited input from member countries
- Sent to EU Commision, Alf Füssel, March 2017



Reactions from EU

- Reply the same day
- Requesting descriptions of problematic scenarios



Scenarios sent to Füssel

- Non-exhaustive list of concrete examples
- (foals)

How to proceed..

