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HORSE MOVEMENT PROTOCOL DECLARATION

TRAINER NAME & LOCATION: _____

RACING VENUE & RACE MEETING DATE	HORSE NAME

MOVEMENT BETWEEN REGIONS: YES NO

- It is mandatory for trainers to notify QRIC stewards of arrangements for travel and care of horses moving between regions by completing this declaration prior to the declaration of riders on a race meeting's acceptance day*; and
- Horses moving to another region within Queensland for the purposes of racing must have completed their journey no later than 12 noon on the day prior to raceday.

NAME & LOCATION OF INTENDED LICENCED PREMISES FOR RACING PURPOSES:

INTERSTATE TRAVEL : YES NO

- It is mandatory for trainers to notify QRIC stewards of arrangements for travel and care of horses traveling into Queensland from interstate for racing purposes by completing this declaration prior to the horse's departure*; and
- Horses traveling to Queensland for the purposes of racing must have completed their journey prior to acceptance deadline for their nominated race.

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METHOD OF TRANSPORT :

NAME OF APPROVED FLOAT COMPANY: _____

- An 'Approved Float Company' is any float company which is registered as a transport company and which has sought and been granted approval by Racing Queensland to transport racing thoroughbreds within Queensland or from interstate, as the case may be.

TRANSPORT BY OTHER THAN APPROVED FLOAT COMPANY: YES NO

NAME OF PERSON TRANSPORTING HORSE(S): _____

Note: In instances where horses are transported by parties other than an approved float company, the person transporting that horse (and any persons who come into close contact with that person) will not be permitted access to any licensed racing or training facility in Queensland for a period of at least 14 days.

DECLARATION:

I hereby agree to abide by the conditions and determinations as prescribed by the State Government of Queensland, Racing Queensland and the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission in relation to the movement of thoroughbred racehorses, during the COVID-19 period. Further, I have sighted and agree to conform with the stipulations of the attached Racing Queensland Recommended Horse Transportation Protocols.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

***ONCE COMPLETED, THIS DECLARATION MUST BE PROVIDED TO QRIC STEWARDS at Peter.Chadwick@qric.qld.gov.au WITHIN THE AFOREMENTIONED PRESCRIBED TIMEFRAMES. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS STIPULATION MAY RESULT IN THE HORSE(S) BEING WITHDRAWN BY QRIC FROM THE RACE IN WHICH IT HAS BEEN ENTERED.**



RECOMMENDED PROTOCOLS FOR TRANSPORT OF RACEHORSES BETWEEN RACING REGIONS

Racing in Queensland is currently being conducted in a restricted format to minimise the risk of spread of human COVID-19 amongst racing participants and the general public.

As horses are not the primary species involved in spread of coronavirus infection, a decision has recently been made to allow movement of horses between racing regions to enable better matching of horses with racing opportunities.

As any movement of a horse necessarily also involves movement of people who are directly involved in the horse's transport, it is vital that protocols are in place to prevent unnecessary contact between the people involved in the horse's transport at either end of the journey.

In order to achieve the desired outcome, horse transport should involve the minimum staff necessary at all stages of the journey (pick-up, transport and drop-off). Attention must also be drawn towards the potential for gear and other objects (including the animal) that come into contact with a potentially infected person to spread the infection to another person.

Accordingly, the following protocol has been developed by Racing Queensland in conjunction with the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC).

Horse Pick-up

- Prior to arrival at pick-up location, the horse transporter should be showered and wearing a clean set of clothing. Hand hygiene should be performed just prior to arrival;
- Prior communication with pick-up location should occur to facilitate efficient pick-up of horse;
- The transporter should be met by one allocated person at the pick-up location who has undergone the same level of personal hygiene and hand sanitisation;
- The truck should be made ready to receive the horse (ramps down, dividers open etc); and
- There shall be an allocated person at the pick-up location to open the horse's stable (while maintaining social distancing from transporter) allowing the transporter to catch the horse with their own head collar and lead and place it in the transport bay on their truck, secure the gate and drive to the destination.



Transport

- Stops en-route should be kept to a bare minimum (fuel stop, toilet stop etc) with close attention paid to social distancing and regular hand hygiene;
- Travel should be planned to follow the most direct route to minimise travel time; and
- For longer journeys the legislative requirements for rest and watering stops for land transport of the horse will need to be adhered to, ensuring the horse's welfare during the journey.

Horse Drop-off

- Prior communication with the drop-off location is necessary to ensure the efficient drop-off of the horse at destination;
- The transporter is to be met by a single allocated person at the drop-off destination, who has undergone personal and hand hygiene procedures as previously detailed (shower, clean clothes and hand hygiene);
- The transporter is to provide access to the horse in the transport bay to the allocated drop-off person while maintaining social distancing;
- The allocated drop-off person is to undo the transporter's head collar and replace it with their own head collar and lead prior to leading the horse off the truck and into the stable complex;
- The horse is to be shampooed in horse wash/detergent before drying off and being placed in its allocated stable;
- All head collars and leads (transporter's and drop-off recipient's) are to be disinfected prior to next use; and
- The transporter and drop-off recipient are to undergo hand hygiene.