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INSTRUCTIONS TO PANEL VETERINARIANS

Attention of all Panel Veterinarians is drawn to Guidelines for completing Certificates of Identity dated 10 Dec 2011. Important instructions contained in the above Guidelines are reproduced below :-

- 1. The Certificate of Identity must be complete in every respect.
- 2. Any discrepancies between the Notification of Birth and Certificate of Identity should be clarified, with suitable remarks in the appropriate column.
- 3. Brand Marks of horses which are cold branded must be indicated in RED in the diagram.
- 4. It should be checked that **GREY HORSES** or horses which are in the **process of turning grey** are **HOT** branded **ONLY**. In case, this is not so, it should be indicated in the remarks.
- 5. The description of colour should be accurate e.g. 'Bay', 'Dark Bay or Brown' should be clearly indicated.
- 6. When there are no white markings at all present on a yearling, a minimum of five natural markings must be described. Whorls below the forelock and stifle fold whorls should not be counted in the five whorls. If after a thorough examination, five natural markings cannot be located, it should be remarked in the appropriate column "Only natural markings noticed". Grey horses should be treated as whole-coloured horses.
- 7. The hoof markings are of special importance in whole-coloured horses, without, white markings. There are a number of instances of horses, especially chestnuts, without white markings having a white or particoloured hoof and this can be an important identification mark.
- 8. Division of neck into anterior, middle and posterior is often quite arbitrary and varies from Veterinarian to Veterinarian. Also, the description does not often correspond with the diagrammatic marking. Panel Veterinarians are requested to keep these aspects in mind.
- 9. In indicating positions of whorls, the use of descriptions like ".... cms above upper eye level", "..... inches behind poll", etc are NOT recommended.
- 10. The "Roan" is no longer accepted as the correct description of colour coat. The terminology "bay-turning grey" or "chestnut-may turn grey", etc are recommended.
- 11. The remark "turning grey" or "may turn grey" should be supported by evidence, such as profusion of grey hair through the body coat, grey patches, greying of extremities, etc and this should be clearly brought out in the remarks column.

12. DOs

- (a) corroborate factual details with Notifications of Birth and Return of Mares.
- (b) keep your description brief, simple and precise.
- (c) make use of the "remarks" column to explain any discrepancies or additional information.
- (d) mention any artificial marks such as scars.
- (e) try and show the brand-marks in the diagram in as correct a position as possible.
- (f) ensure that the address of the identifying Veterinarian is clearly written on at least one Certificate of Identity.
- (g) reply as soon as possible to queries raised so that the registration is speeded up.

13. DON'Ts

- (a) leave any column blank. Fill in "nil", "no white markings", "no markings", etc as appropriate.
- (b) use abbreviations such as "fet" for "fetlock", "rt" for "right", "ant" for "anterior", "c" for "with" etc.
- (c) over describe.
- (d) fill in factual information which is not supported by documentary evidence.
- (e) put a circle around the cross (x) used to denote the position of a whorl.

NOTES

- The layout of Certificate of Identity has been modified slightly. All entries above the diagrams should be filled-in by the Breeding Establishment concerned and the concerned Breeding Establishment will be responsible for correctness of the details in the columns below the diagram. However, the Panel Veterinarian is responsible for ensuring the correctness of the colour and sex of the horse.
- 2. The Panel Veterinarian signing the Certificate of Identity should not be the owner of the horse.
- 3. For Registration fee please refer to para 59 read in conjunction with paras 82 and 117 of the Rules and Requirements for Registration of Horses in India effective from 1 Jan 2009.