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RE: FEI Pony Measuring: Events for Pony Riders

Dear Secretary General,

As you are aware, obligatory measuring of all ponies will take place before the 2008 FEI CH-EU-P, Avenches (SUI). Measuring will be carried out per country and per discipline on July 22nd, the same day as the Pony Inspection. All competitors entered for the CH-EU-P must, therefore, be on site by Monday July 21st at the latest. As per the rules, only ponies measured within permitted heights will be allowed to start - regardless of whether that pony was measured in at the 2007 FEI CH-EU-P or any other CIP in 2008 where on site measurements took place.

Random measuring at CIPs will continue to be carried out during the year and each NF is responsible for ensuring that the ponies they enter into international competition adhere to the **FEI definition of a pony: 148cm without shoes, 149cm with shoes.**

The 2cm tolerance agreed to by NFs is **only** applied when measuring is carried out at international events and therefore under competition conditions. As previously communicated on numerous occasions, this margin of tolerance should not, under any circumstances, be considered as a change to the defined height of a pony.

It has come to our attention, during recent measuring carried out at an international event, that NFs are sending ponies to compete on the basis that they will pass given the 2cm margin of tolerance and that an unfortunate number of parents/owners are under a false impression as to the definition of a pony. **The definition of a pony remains unequivocally unchanged.**

Ponies relying on the 2cm tolerance to pass the measuring run a high risk of measuring out at competition. In order to avoid frustration and angst at events, NFs are once again requested to ensure that only ponies measuring 148cm without shoes and 149cm with shoes are entered at international events.

Ponies measuring over height will be marked as horses in the FEI database. NFs will be requested to send the passport to the FEI where it will be modified accordingly and returned. NFs will be informed in writing that this equine may no longer be entered in international pony events.

We look forward to your close attention and co-operation in this matter, both of which are, as always, greatly appreciated.

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