



## Games of the XXIX Olympiad Equestrian Events in Hong Kong


Venue of Competition : Hong Kong  
 Date of Competition : August 2008(Olympics)  
 September 2008 (Paralympics)

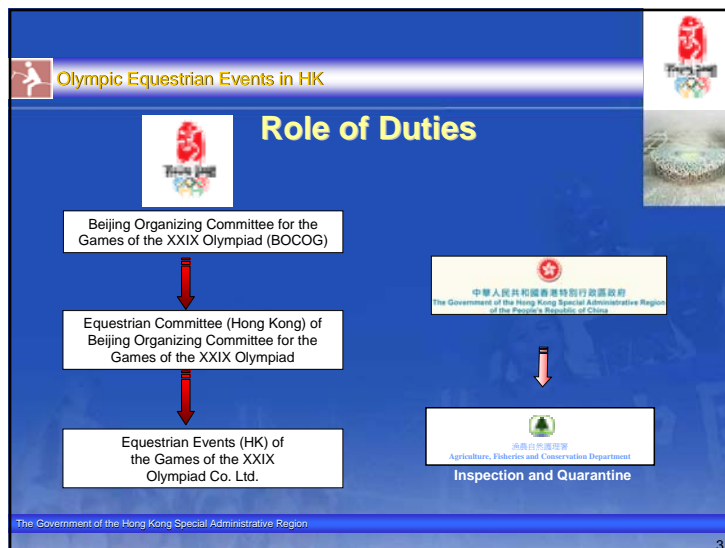
Events:

- Dressage
- Show Jumping
- Eventing




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- ### Olympic Equestrian Events in HK
- #### Hong Kong's Advantages in Quarantine Matters :
- Free from major equine diseases
  - A credible and internationally recognized regulatory framework
  - Quarantine requirements well understood by the international community
  - Established protocols with 17 governments/regions for the import of race horses
  - Wealth of experience in horse racing
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# Import Protocol

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## Drafting Import Protocol

Veterinary professionals from OIE, FEI and HKJC were invited to join the technical meeting convened by AFCD on import protocol

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## Met with various organizations and consulted their comments :

2005

- August - Meeting with BOCOG on quarantine issues  
Meeting with AQSIQ and MOA on quarantine issues
- September - Meeting with Dr F Sluyter, Manager of the Veterinary Department of FEI and HKJC in Hong Kong on the import protocol for equestrian horses
- October - Meeting with the representatives from FEI's 30 plus National Federations to brief them on quarantine arrangements, registration of vets practicing in Hong Kong, importation of horse feed & medication, etc.

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- 2005
  - November - Meeting with Professor Leo Jeffcott, FEI's Veterinary Delegate
- 2006
  - January - Comment was sought from OIE's experts
  - March - Meeting with BOCOG to brief them on the final draft of import protocol

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**The Import Protocol gained support from :**

- World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)
- International Federation for Equestrian Sports (FEI)
- Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC)



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**The Import Protocol was agreed by :**

- Beijing Organizing Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad (BOCOG)
- Equestrian Committee (Hong Kong) of Beijing Organizing Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad



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**Agriculture, Fisheries & Conservation Department**



The inspection and quarantine authority for animals in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

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**Aim of the Import Protocol :**

- To ensure the horses are free from exotic diseases of concern to Hong Kong's equine community and competing equestrian horses




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### Major Requirements of the Import Protocol

- Imported horses need to be accompanied with certificates issued by relevant veterinarians to ensure that they are free from exotic diseases, healthy and fit for competition
- Pre-Export Quarantine (PEQ): 7 days
- Post-Arrival Isolation (PAI): 10 days

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### Cont'd:

- Horses are required to be vaccinated against Equine Influenza (EI)
- Horses are advised to be vaccinated against Japanese Encephalitis (JE) since JE is endemic in Hong Kong
- Horses are required to be free from clinical sign of or tested for Equine Piroplasmiasis, Equine Infectious Anaemia (EIA) and Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA)



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### Cont'd:

- Horses are certified for not showing clinical signs of the following diseases or have been tested for the following diseases :
  - African Horse Sickness (AHS)
  - West Nile/Kunjin Virus
  - Vesicular Stomatitis
  - Other major diseases
- Horses will be accompanied with a Passport issued by the International Federation for Equestrian Sports (FEI) for identification

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### Horses must be imported via approved quarantine stables :

- Equestrian horses will be imported from several hubs via approved quarantine stables



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**Details of Import Protocol**

- Details of the Import Protocol will be uploaded to AFCD website : [www.afcd.gov.hk](http://www.afcd.gov.hk)
- The website is linked with the BOCOG and FEI websites




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**Follow-up actions by AFCD :**

- To liaise with OIE's technical mission for conducting site inspection and biosecurity measures assessment in Hong Kong






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- Continuously monitor the construction of stables and related facilities in the competition venues, including facilities related to animal welfare and biosecurity measures

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- To liaise with the Veterinary Surgeons Board concerning the registration of non-Hong Kong veterinarians, including FEI veterinarians, who will be practicing veterinary medicine in Hong Kong during the period of equestrian events






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- Prepare operation manuals for :
  - arrival of horses at Hong Kong International Airport and transport to isolation stables
  - biosecurity measures and maintenance of horses at stables, training facilities and competition venue, including the PAI period
  - arrangement for the horses to be re-exported after the Olympic equestrian events




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- Arrange site visit to related facilities for the official international equine shipping agent










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- Process Special Permit applications for importation of competing equestrian horses to Hong Kong during 6 months before the Olympic equestrian events

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Liaise with

- importing countries, where the horses will be exported to, after the equestrian events and
- shipping agent to confirm requirements on import health certification and logistic details




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- Inspect horses at approved overseas stables during the PEQ period




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- Issue Special Permit  
(Health certificates will be checked prior to import. Horses may be rejected for import if the requirements are not fully met)



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- Receive horses and equipments at Hong Kong International Airport and transport them to stables




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- Horse Welfare during Transportation
  - Monitor horse welfare during transportation, training and competition




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- Plant Quarantine
  - Monitor plant quarantine issues at isolation, training and competition venues



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**Paralympic Games**

- Arrangements same as those for the Olympics



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**March 2006**

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