

## **KENILWORTH QUARANTINE STATION – JANUARY 2008 EXPORT POSTPONED**

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A combination of lower than anticipated numbers and a significant increase in the fuel price predicted by January 2008, has resulted in the advertised January 2008 quarantine becoming economically unviable and it has had to be postponed. As a result, those horses with time sensitive restrictions have been added to the current shipment to be exported via Mauritius.

An investigation into the number of export compliant horses is underway. Once sufficient numbers have built up again, the dates for the next quarantine from Kenilworth Quarantine Station will be published, but it is intended to start the process as soon as possible.

From a regulatory perspective, Racing South Africa has been informed that the EU is expected to have published their decision regarding the proposed changes to South Africa's export protocol (97/10/EC) early in the New Year. This forms part of the European Commission's alignment of all horse movements from around the world into the EU member countries.

As a reminder, the following are the main changes that have been proposed to improve the reliability of the current export protocol:

- Simplification of movement controls including conditions relating to the AHS vaccine
- Registration of all equine properties in the Surveillance and Free Zones
- Systematic vaccination in the Surveillance Zone
- Use of annual foal crop in the Surveillance Zone as sentinel animals
- Provision of a negotiating platform to facilitate the resumption of exports following an outbreak in the Surveillance and Protection Zones.

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