

Veterinary Commission of Turf Authorities of India
Equine Influenza Vaccination Protocol for foals born during 2019

To
The Secretary General
Turf Authorities of India
RWITC, MUMBAI

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Dear Sir

Sub: Amended Equine Influenza Vaccination Protocol for 2019 foals.

Indeed, it's a welcome development that Govt. of India has now permitted import of **Fluvac Innovator EHV 4/1 Vaccine** (Equine Influenza and Equine Herpes-4/1 viruses combination vaccine). This combo-vaccine protects against equine influenza and equine herpes viruses (EHV-1 and EHV-4) respiratory infections. This vaccine is particularly recommended by the Veterinary Commission of Turf Authorities of India (TAI) in yearlings at their breeding premises to avoid respiratory infections after their arrival in race clubs, as older racing horses are EHVirus shedding carriers. Also, this combo Fluvac Innovator vaccine has Equine Influenza virus component similar to **Calvenza-03 vaccine** which is being used since 2010, in total compliance with TAI directives. In view of this additional benefit, the Veterinary Commission recommends Fluvac Innovator EHV 4/1 vaccination of foals born in 2019 with immediate effect.

Veterinary Commission's Recommends the following Schedule of Equine Influenza & EHV 4/1 vaccination for Foals born in 2019

1. **Fluvac Innovator EHV 4/1 Vaccine: Two doses** to be administered with an interval of 4 weeks in between and thereafter annual booster (given at race courses) for all foals born during 2019.
2. If **Calvenza-03** is to be used, the prevailing **Three doses** schedule should be strictly followed as in the past. Please note, as this year being a transient period, yearlings that have received Calvenza-03 are also allowed to enter Race Clubs in 2021.
3. It is absolutely mandatory that **either one** of the two vaccines (**Calvenza-03 or Fluvac Innovator EHV 4/1 vaccine**) should be used during 2020. Mixing of two vaccines is strictly prohibited by the Veterinary Commission.

4. There should be at least **ONE MONTH interval period** from the last dose of Primary schedule vaccination to date of arrival at the race clubs (can arrive at race clubs after the primary vaccination within 1 year).
5. Vaccination details must be duly endorsed in the respective Passport with the original sticker. Handwritten batch number is not acceptable.
6. For any additional clarification, please contact Dr. M.Rajasekhar, Technical Director, DRL Pune (Mobile: 9845105206) or any of the Senior Veterinary Officers of Race Courses.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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