



Channel Islands Horseracing Authority

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Relaxation of vaccination protocols in respect of equine influenza due to Corona Virus

The Channel Islands Horseracing Authority (CIHA) has today approved a proposal from its vets regarding the vaccination schedule for equine influenza in Channel Island trained racehorses.

The move has been made in order to help trainers, owners and vets tackle the significant logistical challenges caused by the coronavirus pandemic, and provide clarity for all.

It mirrors the changes announced by the British Horseracing Authority on 1 April 2020.

During the remainder of 2020, for a horse to be eligible to compete in the Channel Islands it will be necessary to have received an approved equine influenza vaccination within a year, instead of the existing eight-month requirement.

The current timetable requirements for the primary course remain in place. They can be found in Manual (E) Rule 17 of the Rules of Racing.

If any vaccination is administered late (either an annual booster over one year apart, or any of the primary course vaccinations), the horse will have to re-start a new primary course.

The CIHA will review the requirements for 2021 in due course taking into account any changes in Great Britain or any proposals for harmonisation adopted by the European and Mediterranean Horseracing Federation.