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**Public Health (Animals) (Riding Establishment)**  
**Regulations, Cap. 139**

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**Code of Standards for Licensed Riding Establishment**

All licensees licensed under these regulations will observe, under the conditions of their licence, the following standards.

**Standards of Premises**

- (1) I. Accommodation for “horses” which includes mares, geldings, ponies, foals, colts, fillies, stallions, asses, mules or jennets, should be suitable in respect of construction, size, number of occupants, light, ventilation, drainage and cleanliness;
- II. Adequate pasture and shelter for horses at grass to be maintained at all times during which the horses are at grass.
- (2) Licensees may not without the prior consent of the Director –
  - I. Make or cause or permit to be made any material change to the construction of the place specified in his licence at which the riding establishment may be kept; or
  - II. Provide or cause or permit to be kept at a place other than the place specified in his licence any horse which is kept by him for the purposes of the riding establishment except as may be advised by his Veterinarian when under Veterinary treatment.

**Standards of Husbandry and Hygiene**

- (3) I. Adequate water and suitable food to be supplied to the horses at regular intervals and when necessary;
- II. Adequate bedding material to be supplied for the horses when necessary, except for horses at grass;

- III. The horses to be adequately exercised, rested and visited at suitable intervals;
  - IV. All reasonable precautions to be taken to prevent and control the spread of animal infections or contagious animal diseases;
  - V. The horses to be maintained in a good state of health and, to be suitable for the purpose for which they are kept;
  - VI. Adequate accommodation for storage, bedding, stable equipment and saddler to be available at all times; and
  - VII. The feet of the horses to be properly trimmed and if shod, their shoes to be properly fitted and in good conditions, at all times.
- (3) Where necessary adequate qualified veterinary care should be provided, as may be suitable and register of veterinary treatment (if any) given to any horse will be maintained. This register should be available to any authorized officer at all reasonable times.

**Standards of Supervision of Riding**

- (5) I. The licensee shall not let out on hire or permit to be let out on hire a horse for riding, unless either –
- (i) he is satisfied that the hirer is a competent horse rider; or
  - (ii) the hirer is to ride the horse under the supervision of a competent horse rider not below the age of 16 years;
- II. The licensee shall not use or cause or permit to be used a horse in providing instruction in riding except where such use is under the supervision of a competent horse rider not below the age of 16 years;
- III. The licensee shall not cause or permit any person under the age of 16 years to have control or management of the keeping of the riding establishment.

**Standards of Horses to be Hired Out**

- (6) The licensee shall not -
  - I. Let out on hire or cause or permit to be let on hire for riding; or
  - II. Use or cause or permit to be used in providing instruction in riding; or
  - III. Use or cause or permit to be used in demonstrating riding; any horse which is –
    - (i) less than 2 years of age; or
    - (ii) a mare heavy with foal or within three months after foaling; or
    - (iii) in such condition that its riding is likely to cause suffering to the horse.
  
- (7) The licence cannot, in any way, be construed as a waiver by the Government of any of its rights against the Government lease or Government permittee of the lot on which the premises stand or any acknowledgement of any right on your part to any tenure or renewal of tenure of the premises;
  
- (8) If the licence applies to a building erected on Government land otherwise than with the consent of the Government, the granting of a licence cannot be construed as giving you any right of tenure in the land nor as a waiver by the Government of any of its rights in respect of an illegal occupation of the land.
  
- (9) This Code of Standards supersedes any “Code of Standards for Licensed Riding Establishment” which was issued prior to 1998.