

Riding Establishments (general conditions)

The Licencee shall ensure;

That there will be available at all times, accommodation for horses suitable as respects construction, size, lighting, ventilation, drainage and cleanliness; such number of horses kept on the premises not to exceed the number indicated in the licence;

That in the case of horses maintained at grass, there will be available for them at all times during which they are so maintained adequate pasture and shelter and water and that supplementary feeds will be provided as and when required;

That horses will be adequately supplied with suitable food, drink and (except in the case of horses maintained at grass, so long as they are so maintained) bedding material, and will be adequately exercised, groomed, rested and visited at suitable intervals;

That all reasonable precautions will be taken to prevent and control the spread among horses of infectious or contagious diseases and that veterinary first aid equipment and medicines shall be provided and maintained in the premises;

That appropriate steps will be taken for the protection and extrication of horses in case of fire and that the name, address and telephone number of the licence holder and also of some other responsible person will be kept displayed in a prominent position on the outside of the premises; that instructions as to action to be taken in the event of fire will be kept displayed in a prominent position on the outside of the premises;

That horses will be maintained in a good state of health and in all respects physically fit and that, in the case of a horse kept for the purpose of its being let out on hire for riding or a horse kept for the purpose of its being used in providing instruction in riding, the horse will be suitable for the purpose for which in that case it is kept; that the feet of all animals are properly trimmed and that, if shod, their shoes are properly fitted and in good condition;

That adequate accommodation will be provided for forage, bedding, stable equipment and saddlery;

A horse found on inspection of the premises by an authorised Officer to be in need of veterinary attention shall not be returned to work until the holder of the licence has obtained at his own expense and has lodged with the local authority a veterinary certificate that the horse is fit for work;

No horse will be let out on hire for riding or used for providing instruction in riding without supervision by a responsible person of the age of 16 years or over unless (in the case of a horse let out for hire for riding) the holder of the licence is satisfied that the hirer of horse is competent to ride without supervision;

That the carrying on of the business of a riding establishment shall at no time be left in the charge of any person under 16 years of age;

That the licence holder shall hold a current insurance policy which insures him against liability for any injury sustained by those who hire a horse from him for riding and those who use a horse in the course of receiving from him, in return for payment, instruction in riding and arising out of the hire or use of a horse as aforesaid and which also insures such persons in respect of any liability which may be incurred by them in respect of injury to any person caused by, or arising out of, the hire or use of a horse as aforesaid;

That a register shall be kept by the licence holder of all horses in his possession aged three years and under and usually kept on the premises which shall be available for inspection by an authorised Officer at all reasonable times;

These conditions are in addition to the provisions of the Riding Establishments Acts 1964 & 1970