EXPLANATION OF ENDURANCE RULE CHANGES

The Endurance Committee ask the Bureau to approve the following rule changes/modifications Art 837.1 is a new rule change, the remaining changes concern the already approved Star system for Endurance Events and are included for information:

New Art. 831.7 Best Condition Award

The OC may organise a Best Condition Award at all FEI Endurance Events. The purpose of this competition is to find the horse which is in the best condition having completed the event and been classified among the best horses (maximum the first ten horses). A horse can only be accepted in the Best Condition Award competition if it arrived in a riding time close to the winning time. The number of horses to be accepted will be decided by the Ground Jury.

Competitors are not obliged to enter their horses in this competition. The procedure as laid down in Annex V should be used to establish the Best Condition Award. It is recommended that all entrants in the Best Condition Award be subjected to medication control.

Modified Article 824 Categories of Endurance Rides

International Endurance Rides are divided into:

CEI (Concours de Raid d'Endurance International), CEIO (Concours de Raid d'Endurance International Officiel), CMEI (Concours de Marathon Equestre International), CMEIO (Concours de Marathon Equestre International Officiel).

The International Endurance Rides specified below are governed by the General Regulations of the FEI and by the rules in this booklet. According to the degree of difficulty (hazards, distances, speeds, length of the course), they are divided into:

1. CEIs

- 1.1. They must comply with the requirements of the General Regulations and the Rules for Endurance Riding.
- 1.2. In these Rides, there must only be an official individual classification.
- 1.3. Where there is a team competition, it may not be considered as an Official Team competition and each member of the team will automatically be considered as an individual competitor. The number of teams, which can be accepted, is at the discretion of the Organising Committee. Teams may consist of three or four competitors not necessarily of the same nationality.
- 1.4. CEIs are defined in the FEI Calendar according to the number of competition days and the length of the course.

CEIs are divided into CEIs Four Star, Three Star, Two Star and One Star.

<u>CEI Four Star:</u> In one day, have a course of at least 120 km; in two or more days have at least 80 km per day and must be ridden at a minimum speed of at least 12 km per hour. The Maximum heart rate shall be 64 beats per minute. All Championships and CEIOs are at Four Star Level. All four star rides must be ridden at a minimum speed of 12 kms per hour. The FEI Endurance Committee must authorise any other four star event.

<u>CEI Three Star</u>: All rides of 140 km and more in one day or 80 km and more over 2 days with a minimum speed of 12kms per hour (this may be changed if weather or ground conditions make

this to difficult for the horses or competitors). The heart rate should be 64 bpm within 30 minutes of arrival.

<u>CEI Two Star:</u> All rides between 100 km and 139 km in one day or between 50 km and 79 km over two days. The minimum speed may be between 9 – 12 kms per hour with a heart rate of 60 bpm within 20 minutes of arrival.

<u>CEI One Star</u>: All rides between 50 km and 99 km in one day. The maximum speed permitted shall be 16kms per hour. Heart rate shall be 56 bpm within 20 minutes

Art. 114.6, 115.1, 139.1 apply only to CEI Four and Three Star rides.

2. CEIOs

- 2.1. They must comply with the requirements laid down in the General Regulations and the Rules for Endurance Riding.
- 2.2. At a CEIO, there must be an individual and a team classification. Each nation may enter only one team. A minimum of three teams is necessary for the team competition to be considered as the official team competition. Each team must be composed of a maximum of four competitors of the same nationality. The three best results will be considered for the final classification. A team of three competitors may be admitted. In this case, the marks of all three are taken into consideration for the final classification, provided that all three have completed the ride.

3. Championships

The Endurance Ride Championships must comply with the requirements laid down in the General Regulations and the Rules for Endurance Riding.

Modified Article 823 Officials required for International Endurance Events

- 1. World Championships
- 1.1. The Ground Jury shall consist of a President and <u>at least</u> two members chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Judges appointed by the FEI Endurance Committee in consultation with the OC.
- 1.2. The Veterinary Commission shall consist of a President and one veterinarian per 15 horses. Half of the members must be foreign, chosen from the FEI list of Endurance veterinarians and appointed by the FEI Endurance Committee in consultation with the OC.
- 1.3. The Foreign Technical Delegate shall be chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Officials (Endurance Judges, Veterinarians, Chief Stewards) and appointed by the FEI Endurance Committee in consultation with the OC.
- 1.4. The Chief Steward shall be chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Chief Stewards and shall be appointed by the OC.
- 1.5. Appeal Committee: The General Regulations, Art. 164 apply.
- 2. Four Star Events
- 2.1. The Ground Jury shall consist of a President and two members chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Judges appointed by the FEI Endurance Committee in consultation with the OC.
- 2.2. The Veterinary Commission shall consist of a President and one veterinarian per 15 horses. Half of the members <u>should</u> be foreign, chosen from the FEI list of Endurance veterinarians and appointed by the FEI Endurance Committee in consultation with the OC.

- 2.3. The Foreign Technical Delegate shall be chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Officials (Endurance Judges, Veterinarians, Chief Stewards) and appointed by the FEI Endurance Committee in consultation with the OC.
- 2.4. The Chief Steward shall be chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Chief Stewards and shall be appointed by the OC.
- 2.5. Appeal Committee: The General Regulations, Art. 164 apply.

3. Three Star Events

- 3.1. The Ground Jury shall consist of a President and a Foreign Judge chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Judges. Other members, if any, may be National Endurance Judges appointed by the OC.
- 3.2. The Veterinary Commission shall consist of a President and one member from the FEI list of Endurance veterinarians. One of them must be foreign. All other members must be experienced Endurance veterinarians and appointed by the OC.
- 3.3. The Technical Delegate must be chosen from the FEI list of Officials for Endurance (Endurance Judges, Veterinarians, Chief Stewards) and appointed by the OC.
- 3.4. The Chief Steward must be chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Chief Stewards and appointed by the OC.
- 3.5. An Appeal Committee is not required.

4. Two Star Events

- 4.1. The Ground Jury shall consist of a President chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Judges.
- 4.2. The Veterinary Commission shall consist of a President and one member from the FEI list of Endurance veterinarians. One of them must be foreign. All other members must be experienced Endurance veterinarians and appointed by the OC.
- 4.3. The Technical Delegate must be chosen from the FEI list of Officials for Endurance (Endurance Judges, Veterinarians, Chief Stewards) and appointed by the OC. The Technical Delegate and the President of the Ground Jury may be the same person.
- 4.4. The Chief Steward must be chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Chief Stewards and appointed by the OC.
- 4.5. An Appeal Committee is not required.

5. One Star Events

- 5.1 The Ground should have a President chosen from the FEI List of Endurance Judges.
- 5.2 The Veterinary Commission shall consist of a President chosen from the FEI List of Endurance Veterinarians. All other members must be experienced Endurance Veterinarians.
- 5.3 The Technical Delegate must be chosen from the FEI list of Officials for Endurance (Endurance Judges, Veterinarians, Chief Stewards). The Technical Delegate and the President of the Ground Jury may be the same person.
- 5.4 The Chief Steward must be chosen from the FEI list of Endurance Chief Stewards.
- 5.5 An Appeal Committee is not required.

Modified Article 825 Qualification

- 1. Any person from the year in which he/she reaches his/her 18th birthday is allowed to take part in all Endurance Rides, either as an individual or as a member of a team.
- 2. Juniors, from the year in which they reach their 14th birthday and who are duly authorised by their National Federation, may take part in all International Endurance Rides.

3. To be qualified, horses must be at least 6 years old. However, for CEIOs and Four Star Events, horses must be 7 years of age. Mares obviously in advanced pregnancies, or with foal at foot cannot be entered.

4. Qualification Procedure

- 4.1. In order for a rider/horse to be qualified to participate in a Four Star Ride, both rider and horse (not necessarily as a combination) must have completed either an FEI Four Star ride or an FEI Three Star Ride during the period as of the 1st January two years prior to the date of the nominated entries of the Championship at a minimum speed of 12 kms per hour.
- 4.2. If the rider/horse has not qualified as per 4.1 above, the rider/horse (not necessarily as a combination) must have completed at least a 120 km FEI Endurance Ride during the period as of the 1st January during the year prior to the Championship until the date of nominated entries for the Championship at a minimum speed of 12kms per hour.
- 4.3. However, in exceptional cases, the Endurance Committee may accept different qualification standards.