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Check your responsibilities for travelling competition horses

Following a recent breach involving a competition horse moving through cattle tick zones, Biosecurity Queensland is reminding all stock owners operating under the Competition Stock Owner Treatment Scheme (CSOTS) to comply with the requirements.

Biosecurity Queensland's senior inspector Iain Purvis said the approval of a horse owner to participate in the CSOTS was cancelled for two years because a horse was not properly treated for ticks when travelling from the Queensland cattle tick Infected Zone.

“Concessional schemes, such as CSOTS, have been in operation for more than 10 years and provide owners of competition stock, including horses, an alternative to normal tick line clearance,” he said.

“These schemes allow stock owners situated in the cattle tick Free Zone to travel to competitions in the cattle tick Infected Zone and return home as long as stock are treated prior to return or upon return to their property of origin.

“Before becoming eligible, stock owners must complete an Instruction and Awareness course.

“They must also comply with the conditions of approval, including the requirement to possess a valid livestock travel permit and waybill for the movement.

“If a person fails to comply with requirements for movement from the cattle tick Infected Zone or fails to comply with conditions of approval, the approval will be cancelled.

“They cannot apply for readmission to any concessional scheme for two years, which means they must present competition horses at clearing centres, such as Helidon, at a pre-arranged time for clearance when returning from competitions.”

For more information about concessional schemes contact your local Biosecurity Queensland office, visit www.dpi.qld.gov.au or contact the Business Information Centre on 13 25 23.

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