

## Département Livrets et Contrôles

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## **Obligation of vaccination against Equine Herpes Virus sickness in training**

I inform you that France Galop is in process to make mandatory the vaccination against Equine Herpes Virus sickness through our rules of racing.

The EHV vaccination was already mandatory in France for the breeding stock (for more than 10 years) and our stakeholders have expressed the will to have all the racehorses vaccinated. Consequently, we have decided to extend the benefit of this vaccination to the training and racing areas.

In order to make easier this provision, we decided to use for the EHV vaccination the same protocol as implemented for flu vaccination: Primary course: 21-92 days, booster between 150-215 days and an annual booster (less than 1 year).

As soon as we will publish this addition to our rules of racing, the vaccination will be requested to all runners in France, including those which are trained abroad. 3 months after publication, all the runners in France shall be duly vaccinated against Flu and Equine Herpes Virus sickness.