

Where Acts of God occur (such as flood or fire) Trainers may need to move horses-in-training from their approved premises to ensure their continued safety and wellbeing.

This document sets out British Horseracing Authority ("BHA") guidance to Trainers, for Emergency Stabling Arrangements to prevent the cessation of a licence or permit, as set out in Rule (B)27, and to ensure that affected horses-in-training may continue to meet the requirements to run as detailed in the Running Requirements Code paragraphs 13,14 &15.

Trainers should contact the BHA's Licensing Team (Tel: 020 7152 0140 or email: [licensing@britishhorseracing.com](mailto:licensing@britishhorseracing.com)) prior to moving horses, unless there is immediate risk to the safety and welfare of the horses and staff.

Premises used for emergency stabling should either be currently approved for the use of another Trainer, or have been occupied by a Trainer in the preceding 12 months. The BHA accepts that in these situations, premises may not be separated in accordance with current 'Yard Division Guidelines' however, it would expect visiting horses to be stabled together and separated as far as practically possible from others on the premise.

For premises that do not meet the above, or in any other such circumstances deemed appropriate by the BHA, a visit may be required by a Stable Inspector and/or Veterinary Officer, prior to approval being considered.

**Initial information required:**

In order to consider approval of emergency stabling, the BHA will require the following information in writing:

1. **Reason** – An outline of the reason(s) for the required move;
2. **Stabling** –The particulars of the stabling to be used, including the yard name, address (including postcode), owner, summary of any other trainers/horses currently on site, and a description of the boxes to be used (including number);
3. **Horses** – Names (registered name or registered name of mare and year of foaling for un-named horses) of all horses-in-training that you wish to move.

**Requirements once approved:**

4. **'Normal' requirements** – Individuals applying for Emergency Stabling Arrangements continue to be bound, in all respects, by the BHA Rules of Racing. The Rules can be found at <http://rules.britishhorseracing.com>. As far as is reasonably possible, Trainers should continue to operate in accordance with all 'normal requirements' of Trainers.
5. **Security** – Trainers are required to have out of hours security arrangements at the emergency stabling in line with security requirements set out in Rule (D)5.
6. Where other Trainer(s) or horse(s) are also in situ, the following should additionally be observed:
  - a. **Inside Information** – any information known by a Trainer about the likely participation or likely performance in a race of horses on the premises but in training with another Trainer(s), which is not in the public domain, would be considered to be Inside Information for the purposes of Rule (J)16, and that Rule would apply for the duration of the arrangement as if those horses were in training with that Trainer;

- b. **Medication records** – In addition to full medication records being kept in accordance with Rule (D)23, details of any medication given must be shared with any other Trainer(s) at the premises, to try and reduce the potential for cross-contamination. If there are not adequate separate facilities for storage, medication should be brought to the premise as required;
- c. **Biosecurity** – All reasonable biosecurity measures should be taken to reduce the risk of spreading disease. This should include ensuring equipment and staff are kept separate, and that individuals onsite avoid direct contact between horses in the care of different Trainers; Further information (if required) can be found in the NTF code of Practice <http://www.racehorsetrainers.org/publications/pdfs/cop.pdf>;
- d. **Infectious Diseases** – any case of communicable disease notified to the BHA in accordance with Rule (D)4 must additionally be notified to any other Trainer(s) who keeps horses at the premises;
- e. **Vaccination** – any horse being housed at premises occupied by another Trainer must be vaccinated in accordance with mandatory vaccination requirements; BHA Vaccinations code paragraphs 1,2,4,9.

#### **Vacating Emergency Stabling:**

- 7. It is the Trainer's responsibility to keep the BHA informed of the situation. The Trainer must notify the BHA prior to any change to arrangements or vacating premises.
- 8. The Emergency Stabling will only be approved for a maximum period of 28 days. In the event that more time is required, Trainers will be expected to apply to the BHA for approval of premises that comply with normal requirements, not less than 14 days before the intended move date.

#### **General:**

- 9. Trainers should check with insurance providers that Public Liability and Employers Liability cover is not affected by the move.
- 10. The BHA expects that terms regarding the emergency use of the stabling, including who will be responsible for the disinfection of stables and returning boxes to their original state are agreed and set out in writing, between relevant parties.
- 11. For the avoidance of doubt, any horses that are not in training, or not due to run may be moved to other stabling. However, prior to running, they must be in the care of, and trained by a licensed trainer in approved stabling, for 14 days immediately before the race.
- 12. Trainers are encouraged to contact the National Trainer's Federation (NTF), for further help and support (Tel: 01488 71719 or email: [info@racehorsetrainers.org](mailto:info@racehorsetrainers.org)).
- 13. Trainers may also wish to consult with other Government Authorities such as DEFRA (Tel: 08459 33 55 77 or Email: [defra.helpline@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:defra.helpline@defra.gsi.gov.uk)), or the Environment Agency (Tel: 03702 422 549 or Email: [enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk)) for additional advice.
- 14. This guidance is only for emergency situations where the safety and wellbeing of horses (or staff) is at risk. For all other changes of stabling, the normal procedure for a change of training establishment applies. The BHA reserves the right to withdraw permission for this arrangement at any time, if reasonable cause is shown. In the event of any conflict or inconsistencies between the Rules of Racing and these Emergency Stabling Arrangements, the Rules of Racing shall prevail.