DRAFT TEMPLATE FOR BOARDING STUDS TRANSPORTING

MARES FOR COVERING AND RETURN

*[Insert name, address and contact details of Boarding Stud*

 *or print on Headed paper]*

*(Insert date)*

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

This horsebox and the Thoroughbred mare inside is being transported on behalf of *(insert name of boarding stud)* a Thoroughbred breeding operation based at *(insert full address of boarding stud)* on essential business of a commercial breeding operation. Like all other businesses within the bloodstock industry we are currently experiencing our busiest time of year.

The mare inside is being transported to *(insert name of stud being visited)* to be covered by a Thoroughbred stallion for the purpose of continuing the commercial operations of the industry for future years.

The industry has adopted strict protocols for controlling the spread of disease, as part of the current COVID-19 crisis management. In order to ensure mares are accepted at the stallion stud for covering we can confirm that we comply with the following protocol, as set out by the Thoroughbred Breeders’ Association:

1. Any appointments **must** be made in advance of travel.
2. Associated paperwork **must** be completed and sent electronically in advance, including passport information and completion of the COVID-19 transport form.
3. The vehicle used for transport **must** be disinfected before and after every visit including any handles, the ramp or other areas where stud staff may have had, or will have, contact.
4. Staff travelling in the horsebox **must** comply with Government advice on social distancing.
5. Unless there is an emergency, or welfare requirement related to the animal being transported or the driver, it is prohibited to stop on the journey, commiserate with the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency’s current enforcement policy on driver’s hours.
6. At the destination, the unloading and re-loading of the horse **must** be conducted by staff at the destination to allow no contact with the travelling staff. Hygiene precautions must be followed at every stage of this un-loading and loading process, using robust disinfectant processes of the horsebox handles and any equipment, and hand washing.
7. Staff travelling in the horsebox should only exit the horsebox at the location they are visiting to use welfare facilities, using all sanitary precautions. **There must be no direct contact with the staff on the site.**
8. All these movements between premises **must be** recorded online at: <https://horsemovement.weatherbysgsb.co.uk>.

**If these conditions are not adhered to, the horsebox will be turned away.**

Thank you for your consideration and allowing our driver on their way to ensure our operations may continue.

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*(Signature of Boarding Stud Manager)*

*(Type name of Boarding Stud Manager)*