

FAQ 1 - Regarding IBR status of the farm – (22/03/2018)

HEALTH REGULATIONS RELATED TO ANIMALS ADMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN HOLSTEIN CHAMPIONSHIP IN LIBRAMONT, BELGIUM, FROM 9 to 14 April 2019

- Regarding the IBR status of the herd, the Health Regulations state :

*The animals must also come from livestock farms **free from IBR** (Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis) or **officially free from IBR** according to the local plan of the competent Veterinary Health Authority of the Participating Country.*

- What is a livestock free from IBR or officially free from IBR?

These farms are both free from IBR, and the “officially free” have no animals vaccinated for IBR in the herd (I4 status), while the “free” may have vaccinated animals in the herd (I3 status). None of these farms have infected animals!

The Veterinary Health Authority of the participating country gives this status to each farm.

The simplest solution applies for countries where the IBR national plan is accredited by EU (Annex I or II countries), where such status are officially given to IBR free farms.

It can be the case also for some countries that have an official national IBR plan.

For the other countries, the Veterinary Health Authority of the country may give this qualification to a herd, in accordance to conditions given in the annex III of the European Decision 2004/558/CE dated 15 July 2004. For these countries, the Belgian Sanitary Authorities will communicate a special form, containing the element of the Annex III of the legislation. This form will have to be signed by the Veterinary Health Authorities of the participating country for each participating farm.

- What does it mean, in comparison to the health regulations of Colmar?

As for Colmar, the vaccinated animals from farms free or officially free from IBR may participate to the All-European Championship in Libramont.

Different from Colmar, the farms having one or more animal positive to IBR (BoHV-1 infected animals) cannot be certified free from IBR or officially free from IBR. That means that the animals from this farm cannot participate to the All-European Championship in Libramont.

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- Why adding this constraints, not required for Colmar, and not related to the European Decision 2004/558/CE ?

Belgium has adopted a Royal Decree legislating for struggle against IBR (25 of November 2016). This legislation limits the gathering of animals for shows to IBR-free farms (corresponding to I3 and I4 farms in Belgium). This legislation applies to the All-European Championship in Libramont.