

HORSE MOVEMENT PROTOCOL



Racing SA Limited wishes to advise of the following protocol applying to Float Companies and persons engaged in the transport of any horse, including but not limited to, thoroughbred horses, hereinafter referred to collectively as a “horse/s” who intends to or does transport horses into South Australia to any racing facility and/or registered, and/or licensed person. This horse movement protocol is aimed at further strengthening protocols that are currently in place for the safe conduct of racing and training in South Australia.

In the event that a horse is transported to South Australia after midnight [ACST] on Wednesday, 5 August 2020 the following requirements will apply and must be complied with:

Transport by Approved Entities

1. Where Government regulations allow interstate travel into South Australia;

(i) Racing SA may, in its sole discretion, grant approval for a Float Company or a person engaged in the transport of horses (“Approved Entity”) to transport thoroughbred horses into South Australia, providing State government requirements have been complied with – all applications must be submitted to the Racing SA Stewards department prior to engaging in transport activities associated with the transport of thoroughbred horses into South Australia.

(ii) An “Approved Entity” is any Float Company/person engaged in the transport of thoroughbred horses, which is registered, or operates in the general course of business, as a transport company/entity, and which has sought and been granted approval by Racing SA Stewards to transport thoroughbred horses to South Australia from interstate.

(iii) Any thoroughbred horse/s travelling to South Australia with an “Approved Entity” will be permitted to travel provided only employees of the “Approved Entity” are permitted to travel with the horse concerned. Any licensed or registered personnel/staff of the interstate stable from which the horse is travelling are not permitted to travel with the horse/s.


(iv) Racing SA notes, that while this protocol refers to horses being transported into/delivered to South Australia, in circumstances where an “Approved Entity” engages in the pick-up of a horse/s from a property/facility in South Australia for delivery to another State or Territory, the same requirements as detailed in this protocol apply to that “Approved Entity” save that the permission to transport and/or deliver a horse/s into that other State or Territory remains subject to that State or Territory’s own regulations, and it is the responsibility of the “Approved Entity” to ensure they make the necessary arrangements with that State or Territory.

Requirements for Approval as an “Approved Entity”

1. A Float/Freight/Transport Company or person seeking approval to transport horses into South Australia from interstate must provide the following for consideration by Racing SA in order to be considered for the granting of approval;

(i) A copy of the Approval Permit granted by the South Australian Cross Border Assessment Unit in South Australia – That Permit must indicate:

(a) The Float Company’s application number;



(b) Confirmation that the application was assessed as ESSENTIAL under the category “Transport and Freight Services”;

(c) The date until which approval is granted.

(ii) A written undertaking by the Float/Freight/Transport Company or person that they agree to maintain records of close contacts while travelling in South Australia.

(iii) A written undertaking by the Float/Freight/Transport Company or person that they agree to adhere to and comply with any government and Racing SA requirements in respect of any approval granted.

2. A Float/Freight/Transport Company or person granted approval by Racing SA must ensure that they comply with any conditions of the permit issued by the South Australian Cross Border Assessment Unit in South Australia and must also advise Racing SA immediately if the permit granted is withdrawn/revoked or otherwise varied by the issuing authority.

3. Racing SA reserves the right, in their sole discretion, to withdraw/vary, at any stage any approval granted to a Float/Freight/Transport Company or person, regardless whether such Float/Freight/Transport Company or person is in possession of a relevant permit issued by a State government authority.

Operational/Logistical conditions/requirements applicable to “Approved Entities”

1. It is the responsibility of Transport Drivers/Freight Drivers of an “Approved Entity”;

(i) To provide to Racing SA, in advance, and prior to departure to South Australia, a “Driver Sheet”/“Itinerary” which discloses/details;

(a) All pick-up locations enroute to South Australia.

(b) All pick-up times in respect of (a) above, enroute to South Australia.

(c) The location name of pick-up, and the location name of delivery.

(d) The name/s of the horse/s being picked up for transport.

(ii) To make prior arrangements with the Trainer or such other nominated/agreed person in South Australia in respect of a drop off point for the horse/ being transported, and


(iii) To ensure that they do not access, under any circumstances, “Licensed Training Premises” in South Australia when delivering thoroughbred horses (unless otherwise approved by Racing SA Stewards). For the avoidance of doubt, “Licensed Training Premises” includes any thoroughbred racing stable, training facility, race club, spelling facility or such other premises/facility as determined by Racing SA Stewards.

(iv) To ensure, when delivering a horse into South Australia, that he/she, on arrival at the pre-arranged drop off point, and when leaving the float/vehicle wears, at all times, a Face Mask and gloves.


(v) To ensure, when delivering a horse into South Australia, that he/she, on arrival at the pre-arranged drop off point, only leave their vehicle at that drop off point for the purpose of safely opening the door of the float/vehicle to enable the horse/s to be removed by the local staff member/s in South Australia.

(vi) To ensure that once the door has been opened, they remain within the float/vehicle cabin until the local South Australian staff member of the stable where the horse is to be delivered to, takes delivery of the horse being transported.

(vii) To ensure they only leave the float/vehicle cabin after the removal of the horse/s concerned by the local staff, and then only for the purpose of closing the float/vehicle door securely and engaging in any required disinfecting practices.



2. When being transported by an “Approved Entity” - the equipment used for, or on, the horse (e.g. head collar and lead) must be the property of the stable/owner and not that of the “Approved Entity” and such equipment must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before and after transportation to minimise any risk of COVID-19 being spread within the environment.



3. The designated South Australian staff member, of the stable concerned, must, when taking delivery of the horse - wear a Face Mask and gloves, and must remove the head collar and lead (equipment) the horse was delivered with and disinfect the equipment immediately following the horse entering the stable.

4. Prior to and upon completion of the journey - the “Approved Entity” must ensure the vehicle is thoroughly cleaned and disinfected to minimize any risk of COVID-19 being spread on future journeys.

5. Any Transport/Freight Driver of an “Approved Entity” entering South Australia from interstate - must not enter any Licensed Premises in South Australia or act in another industry capacity (e.g. as a strapper or stable hand) and must not enter a racecourse or training complex/facility in that or any other capacity in South Australia.

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