



EUROPEAN HOLSTEIN AND RED HOLSTEIN CONFEDERATION

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European Holstein Championship 2022

The European Holstein and Red Holstein Confederation (EHRC) Committee have regretfully made the decision that it is not possible to hold a European Holstein Championship Show in November 2022 in Verona, Italy.

In 2021 the new Animal Health Regulation 2016/429 was implemented, with in addition new Implementation regulations 2020/688 and 2020/689. As a result, the conditions of Animal Transport between member states have become more strict and different IBR health status among countries, has caused major problems.

Following correspondence with the EU Authorities, they have stated that the simultaneous participation in the competition of IBR vaccinated and IBR non-vaccinated animals at a show, and then returning to IBR free and IBR non free Member States is not permitted. This might also cause problems with Bluetongue disease. The new legislation is unclear regarding the movement of cattle to non-IBR-free Member States, like Italy, where the Show was planned to be held in Verona and later returning to the country of origin with different IBR health status.

A European Holstein Championship Show is therefore not an option until it is clarified that every member of the EHRC will be able to attend.

The EHRC Committee will reconsider holding of a European Holstein Championship Show in the future. They wish to thank ANAFIJB and the Italian Veterinary Authorities, that also defined a specific IBR-protocol, for all their hard work attempting to host a European Holstein Championship Show in 2022.

Note to Editors

The European Holstein & Red Holstein Confederation (EHRC) is an independent organisation representing the interests of the Holstein Breed and Breeders in Europe. Currently the 30 Holstein Associations/Herdbooks within EHRC represent over 10.5 million Holstein dairy cows and 191,000 members. In normal times EHRC organises a conference every 3 years. EHRC is an autonomous organisation affiliated to the World Holstein Friesian Federation (WHFF) and offers workshops on Type Assessment and Judging techniques. It also actively participates in the harmonisation of technical programs to assist in the international reciprocity of Herdbook information. More information can be obtained from euroholsteins@gmail.com