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INTERIM REPORT – November 09 #1

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Contagious equine metritis (*Taylorella equigenitalis*)

A non-breeding, Thoroughbred stallion has tested positive for *Taylorella equigenitalis* whilst in pre-export quarantine in Dubai. The horse was born in the USA in March 1998 and exported to the UK as a yearling where it went into race training. In October 2001 the horse was exported to the UAE to a racing yard and was then sold to a private owner in 2003. The horse has been resident on an equestrian centre and used for dressage for the last 6 years. The horse was routinely tested whilst in quarantine before being due for re-export back to the UK, for retirement onto a stud farm.

CEM swabs, taken on 14th October, were tested at the UAE national laboratory CVRL where a positive *T. equigenitalis* culture was returned. A confirmatory subculture from the first sample was then sent to VLA, Weybridge, UK, who confirmed *T. equigenitalis* by both culture and PCR.

Enquires have confirmed that the horse has not been used for breeding during its time in the UAE and the UAE has not previously reported a clinical case of CEM. The origin of this subclinical infection remains unclear as investigations continue, including testing in contact horses in the UAE. The horse has now been treated and is being re-swabbed for CEM..

Regards
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