

## **Ballylinch Stud – Requirements for 2012 Stud Season**

**1. Clitoral Swab** – a certificate taken after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 from a recognised Veterinary Laboratory stating that the mare is negative for –

- a) Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM)   b) Klebsiella   c) Pseudomonas

**2. Cervical Swab** – Each mare will require a negative cervical swab taken in the heat period in which she is to be covered. This can be taken at Ballylinch Stud if required. All mares may be checked by the resident vet before covering.

### **3. EIA & EVA**

Irish & UK based Mares –

One EIA blood test taken after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 should be negative.

One EVA blood test taken after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 should be negative for or having a stable/declining titre before arrival at Ballylinch.

NOTE – BOTH EVA & EIA TEST CAN BE CARRIED OUT ON THE SAME BLOOD SAMPLE

Irish and UK based mares that have been mixed with imported (non UK) mares constitute an increased risk and studs should exercise extra vigilance in this situation. Where strict isolation is not possible on the receiving Irish stud all mares on the farm which are due for covering should have blood samples retaken not less than 12 days after arrival of the last imported mare.

It is essential that mares travelling from the UK are shipped with similarly certified mares (Negative or stable/declining titre) and do not travel with non-thoroughbreds.

Imported Mares (excluding UK)

One blood test to be taken after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 negative for EIA, and negative for, or having a stable/declining titre for EVA, and also a second blood test taken at least 12 days after arriving in Ireland.

It is essential that imported mares are shipped with similarly certified mares (negative or stable/declining titre) and do not travel with non-thoroughbreds.

NOTE – ALL MARES THAT ARE CHANGING STALLIONS DURING THE SEASON WILL REQUIRE A FURTHER CEM, EVA & EIA TEST BEFORE THE FIRST COVERING BY A BALLYLINCH STALLION.

### **4. Dourine**

Mares arriving from Italy and mares which have been in Italy since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 require a negative blood test for Dourine taken a minimum of 14 days after arrival in Ireland.

**5.** Virus Abortion vaccinations must be up to date if the mare is to foal at Ballylinch Stud. The mare should be vaccinated at the 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> month of pregnancy. Any mares not vaccinated cannot foal at Ballylinch Stud.

**6.** If the mare is due to foal at Ballylinch Stud, she should arrive at the stud no later than 21 days prior to her due date and should have had a flu and tetanus booster prior to arrival.

**7.** Passport – the mares passport or copy of the same should accompany all mares for covering.

**8.** A signed contract.

**9.** All walk in mares require CEM, EVA, EIA and Cervical swab certificates as detailed above, plus a signed contract and passport or copy of passport. Prior notice should be given to Ballylinch Stud office as early as possible or at least 24 hours before covering time is required.