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Dear Event Organiser

From 1st January 2009 it will no longer be a requirement for Horse Event Organisers to Register Events with the NSW Department of Primary Industries.

Australia is free from Equine Influenza!

The NSW Department of Primary Industries has now completed the surveillance needed to convince the rest of the world that this is true and the international community is looking at Australia in wonder and amazement at what we were able to accomplish. People from government, the horse industry, the horse owning public and private veterinary practitioners all working together have demonstrated what cooperation, dedication and commitment can achieve.

It is highly recommended that Horse Event Organisers continue to

- compile and maintain an annual Calendar of Events
- collect information on horses attending events
- maintain strict biosecurity at events
- do not allow sick horses to attend events

Guidelines for running an event are available on the NSW Department of Primary Industries web page as well as an example of a record of attendance form.

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/livestock/horses>

Again congratulations to the entire horse industry.

Yours sincerely

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