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Further to the equine rhino pneumonitis which strikes France at the moment, the Comite Equestre de Saumur, organiser of Saumur Complet decided to **maintain the event which will take place on the « racetrack » of Verrie from the 24th to the 27th of May**, especially because the place does not permanently accommodate horses and so can not be contaminated at this time.

However, in compliance with the RESPE recommendation of the 27th of April and in order to insure the present horses' safety during this event, **we decided to take the following measures** :

- We ask to measure horse temperature on mornings and evenings before going to the place of Saumur Complet from 8 days before arrival in order not to transport a hyperthermia horse.

- Stables and common areas will be strictly disinfected before horses' arrival on place and Sterilization supplies for hands and equipment will be at disposal in the stables.

- On arrival on the place, a horse examination will be made by a veterinarian before entering in the stables, with a possibility of refusal of suspected horses and their transport partners.

- For vaccinated horses against rhino pneumonitis, please proceed a booster from now on. Do not vaccinate in the 8 days before the arrival on the place.

- For non-vaccinated horses, we ask for a negative result on a pharyngeal swab for research for EHV1 and EHV4 (PCR) made by your treating vet from 8 days before transport.

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