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TO: Dressage Competitors

FROM: Gil Merrick – Assistant Executive Director, Sport Programs

DATE: June 1, 2009

RE: Qualifying Competitions for the 2010 USEF National Grand Prix Championship and Selection Trials for the 2010 Alltech/FEI World Equestrian Games Dressage Team

Members of the USEF Dressage Eligible Athletes Committee and USEF Dressage High Performance Committee have drafted the Selection Procedures intended to be used for the 2010 USEF National Grand Prix Championship which is proposed to serve as the final Selection Trial for the 2010 Alltech/FEI World Equestrian Games dressage team. It is intended that these Selection Procedures will be reviewed for approval by the USEF High Performance Working Group and USEF Executive Committee in July 2009, after which they would be published on the USEF website.

This memo serves to advise all dressage competitors that the proposed qualifying period would begin on July 1, 2009 and finish on July 15, 2010. Riders would be required to earn qualifying scores at CDIs and CDI-Ws. *Scores from all CDIs and CDI-Ws, both within and outside of the USA, would automatically count* unless the rider notified Gil Merrick, Assistant Executive Director of Sport Programs, no later than 48 hours prior to the veterinary inspection for that event that they *did not* want the score to be counted. The proposed Selection Procedures require that riders earn a minimum of two (2) qualifying scores in the Grand Prix, one ridden in combination with the Grand Prix Special and one ridden in combination with the Grand Prix Freestyle. Riders who earned more than the required two (2) qualifying scores may be able to drop the lowest Grand Prix score earned at any of the three (3) or more CDIs or CDI-Ws that count towards qualification. USEF would automatically track scores so there would be no need for riders to submit competition scores if they intended to qualify for the Championship.

The fifteen highest ranked riders at the end of the qualifying period (including all ties) would be invited to the Championship and it is proposed that riders would qualify no more than two (2) horses for the Championship. Rankings would be based on the average of Grand Prix scores earned at qualifying competitions. If a rider qualified two horses in the top fifteen (15) ranked rider/horse combinations, the next rider/horse combination would be invited to attend up to a maximum of fifteen (15) riders.

This preliminary information is being provided to assist you with your competition planning. Please remember that this information is based on draft Selection Procedures that have been proposed by the USEF Dressage Eligible Athletes Committee and USEF Dressage High Performance Committee and require finalization and approval by the USEF High Performance Working Group and USEF Executive Committee and are therefore subject to change.