The FAQs and Waiver requirements have been amended with immediate effect for those athletes competing in the Show Jumping Discipline. Please read the following closely to ensure you are a qualified waiver applicant:

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, inbound travel to the United States has been significantly restricted, making it very difficult for internationally based athletes to compete in the United States in Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) competitions. Through its work with Homeland Security, the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee has been able to obtain a travel waiver from this travel restriction for foreign individuals traveling to the United States to participate in Olympic-discipline events.

1. **Who does the waiver cover?** The waiver covers athletes, support staff, FEI licensed officials/course designers, and other individuals traveling to the U.S. for a covered event. Support staff requests are subject to conditions detailed below. Regrettably waivers cannot be granted for Owners due to venue access restrictions.

2. **What events are covered by the waiver?** Currently the waiver applied only to individuals traveling to the U.S. to participate in FEI Jumping, Eventing, Dressage, and Para Equestrian Dressage events.
   - For Dressage, Eventing and Para Dressage the athlete / horse combination must be qualified to compete in events rated 3*or 4*or 5*.
   - Jumping athletes must have a minimum of 1 horse they will compete in the US and that the athlete/horse combination has 5* results. Alternatively the athlete must be ranked in the top 100 of the current Jumping Longines FEI Ranking List.
   - National Federations may apply for waivers for Jumping athletes specifically to compete in a CSIO4*or 5*.
   - FEI Licensed Officials’ applications should be supported or submitted by the Organizer of the Event(s) the Official is supporting.
   - National Federations may apply for Chefs d’Equipe and key Team staff to support Nations Cups.

3. **What is the process for support staff?** Applications for athletes’ support staff must be submitted by the athlete with a covering letter or email explaining the exact role of the “support staff.” Support staff applications must be appropriate and justifiable in relation to the number of horses the athlete is competing. The Federation may contact the athlete’s NF for confirmation of the information provided on the application. Applications from independent professionals not supported by an athlete will not be accepted.

4. **How do I request a waiver?** Applicants must fully and accurately complete and submit a US Equestrian Inbound Travel Waiver Request Form and follow the directions therein. Incorrect or inaccurate information submitted as part of the Waiver Request may result in the waiver approval process being halted and the application cancelled.
5. **Is there a cost associated with requesting a waiver?** There is a $350 processing fee. Payments can be made with a credit card by calling 859.225.6950 once your request has been confirmed. This fee is waived for licensed officials officiating at FEI events in the USA.

6. **Do all inbound travelers need to request a waiver?** Individuals arriving from a country not impacted by the proclamation do not require a waiver. Countries impacted by the proclamation include People’s Republic of China (excluding the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau), the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Schengen Area, the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, and Brazil. Individuals are encouraged to contact their nearest U.S. Embassy to confirm whether a waiver is necessary for their traveling needs.

7. **Is the waiver the only documentation needed to enter the U.S.?** No, a waiver does not exempt individuals from standard entry requirements, including visa, passport, and other necessary documents. Individuals from countries impacted are required to visit the information on the U.S. Embassy website where they are departing from and follow the instructions. Most embassies require the traveler to contact them for specific travel instructions.

8. **Who do I contact to request a waiver?** Requests can be sent to kcadams@usef.org or by calling Karen Adams at 859.225.2046.