



**UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION**  
THE NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY FOR EQUESTRIAN SPORT

## REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST TIME FEI HORSE REGISTRATION

### IDENTIFIABLE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017

Pursuant to Art. 137 of the FEI General Regulations, National Federations are responsible for issuing FEI Passports and Recognition Cards, for assuring they are correctly completed and providing the identification pages to the FEI for registration; Art. 1001.11 and Annex II of the FEI Veterinary Regulations support this.

When a new FEI document is created, a new FEI number is issued, a change of ownership is made, a duplicate document is issued or any modification made which influences the FEI document, the relevant pages of the FEI document/national document will need to be uploaded by USEF to the FEI Database and will be saved to the horse's profile.

For horses receiving their initial FEI Registration, the following identifiable documents are required:

USEF National Passport Application or FEI Passport Application

USEF Life Horse Recording

FEI Horse Registration with Microchip Information (see below)



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## **MICROCHIP REQUIREMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013**

A modification to the Veterinary Regulations was approved at the 2011 FEI General Assembly held in Buenos Aires. Beginning January 1, 2013, all horses newly-registered with the FEI must be microchipped. (2013 FEI article 1011.1.2.3). The microchip must be compatible with ISO 11784 and ISO 11785, and all microchip information must be entered in the horse's passport and reported to the USEF. This requirement applies to the initial FEI registration only.

The standard microchip number consists of 15 digits, the first three identify the manufacturer or country code and the remaining numbers are unique and non-duplicated. The technical concept of animal identification described is based on the principle of radio-frequency identification (RFID). These numbers represent the unique identifier that will be associated with a specific horse from date of implant until the animal's death.

Microchips with the 900 prefix should not be used as these chips can have duplicate numbers.

ISO 11784 and ISO 11785 compliant microchips available for implant in U.S. horses are commonly available and include the following:

134.2-kHz microchips:  
HomeAgain®/Digital Angel, Avid

The microchip should be implanted in the nuchal ligament, halfway between the poll and the withers on the left side of the horse.

As of January 1, 2013, the FEI requires all horses receiving their initial FEI Horse Registration to be microchipped. All newly issued National and FEI Passports will require the horse to be microchipped before the passports will be approved and before the FEI registration can be processed.

USEF recommends that all horses initially registering with the FEI after December 31, 2012, be scanned for existing microchips prior to a new microchip being implanted.

If you have any questions please contact the USEF Passport Department at  
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