Information to import horses to race in the USA

In order for a purebred Arabian horse, registered with a foreign stud book, to race in the United States we require the following export documents from an approved source registry. (see Import checklist) The imported horse must obtain an AHA registration in order to qualify for an AJC Racing Certificate.

An AJC Racing Certificate will provide the horse’s race statistics to be attached to the horse in the official racing data base of both AJC and Equibase.

If the horse comes in for just one race a Lip Tattoo is not mandatory. If the horse stays to race in any additional races, a TRPB official Lip Tattoo is required, irrespective if the horse has a microchip for identification.

In keeping with the USA Thoroughbred industry, The Arabian Jockey Club is in the process of evaluating the additional identification of Arabian race horses by means of micro-chip identification. This will be in addition to the Lip Tattoo presently in force for race identification.

The Arabian Horse Association now exports horses with a Passport.

For further clarification on import or export requirements or procedures, please contact

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