

# Fieracavalli

a Verona dal 1898

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**125th Anniversary Edition**

# HORSE SAFETY SYSTEM

The Fieracavalli Safety Project



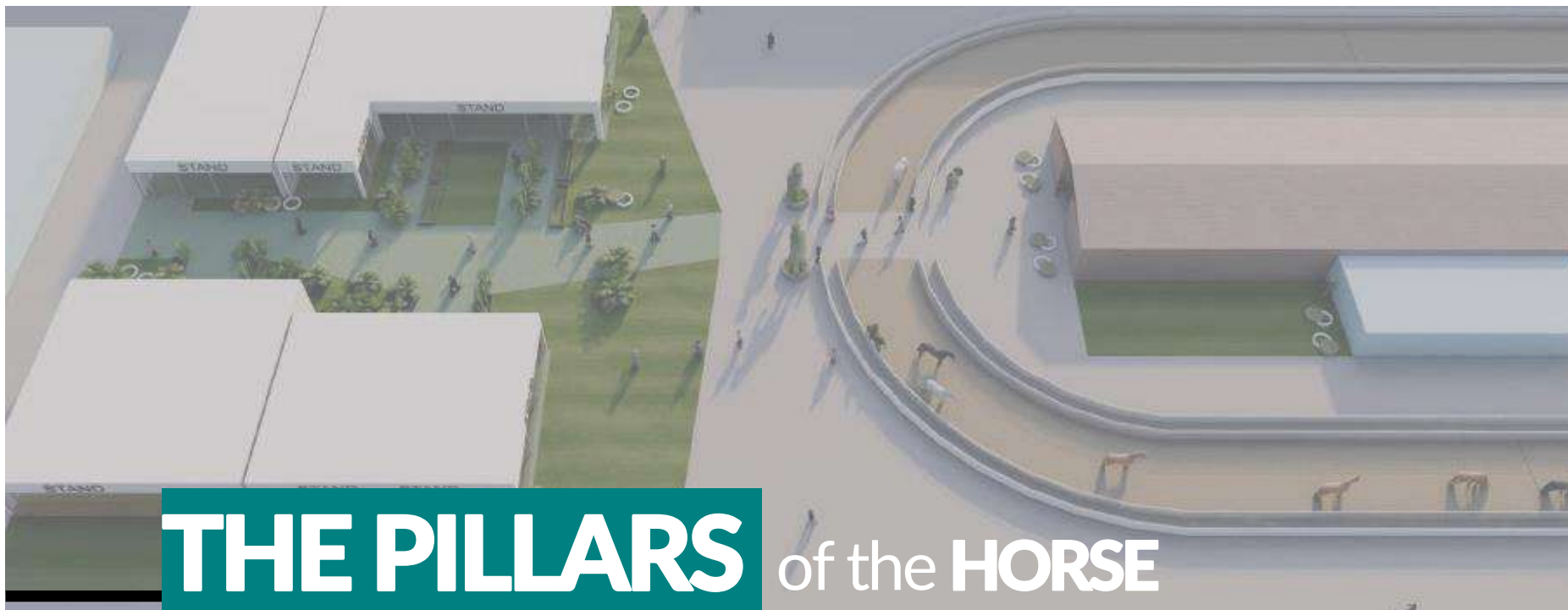
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FIERACAVALLI 2023 PRESENTS:



An integrated system combining safety in the exhibition centre and animal welfare



### 1. THE HORSE SAFETY LOOP

A completely redesigned exhibition area where specific spaces exclusively for horses are fully integrated with areas used by visitors to ensure across-the-board safety.

### 2. EXHIBITION CODE OF ETHICS

Fieracavalli has adopted an Exhibition Code of Ethics to define a set of clear, acknowledged, accepted and shared values designed to promote healthy and correct interaction between people and animals based on ethical and moral principles. The aim is to safeguard and respect the well-being of animals understood as "sentient beings" which Fieracavalli intends to promote among exhibitors, visitors and, more generally, everyone who in various capacities involved with horses and related animals.

### 3. STEERING COMMITTEE AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Fieracavalli has set up a Steering Committee and a Scientific Committee to formulate proposals, opinions and recommendations, as well as the power to report any violations of the Code of Ethics to the Crisis Unit

### 4. CRISIS UNIT

Fieracavalli has set up a Crisis Unit to implement and verify observance of the Exhibition Code of Ethics, as well as to issue the sanctions it deems appropriate and commensurate with the seriousness of possible infringements.

# 1. HORSE SAFETY LOOP:

## THE NEW TECHNICAL SAFETY MEASURES

CREATION OF A  
SAFETY PERIMETER  
FOR TRANSIT BY  
HORSES

ELIMINATION  
OF TRANSIT BY  
CARRIAGES

THE BASE OF  
HORSE BOXES  
INSIDE THE  
SHOW HALLS  
WILL BE  
SUITABLY  
COVERED

MOBILE  
VETERINARY  
UNIT

# What is the HORSE SAFETY LOOP?

The *Safety Loop* is a **route** designed to ensure the **safety** of horses and spectators inside the Exhibition Centre. The purpose of this circuit is **to prevent** possible accidents when horses move around inside the show halls as well as in outdoor areas in order to ensure complete and overall safety during the event.

The initiative is being promoted this year by Veronafi S.p.A. and will no longer envisage free movement of horses and carriages alongside visitors.

Safety Loop 1 starts from Outdoor Area F and reaches Show halls 5 (FISE Arena), 7 (for Warm Up Ring in Hall 8) and 8 (for Gold Gala). Access will only be allowed to persons with the bracelet issued by the FISE, 125x125 Fieracavalli Grand Prix, Italian Champions Tour and Gold Gala secretariats.

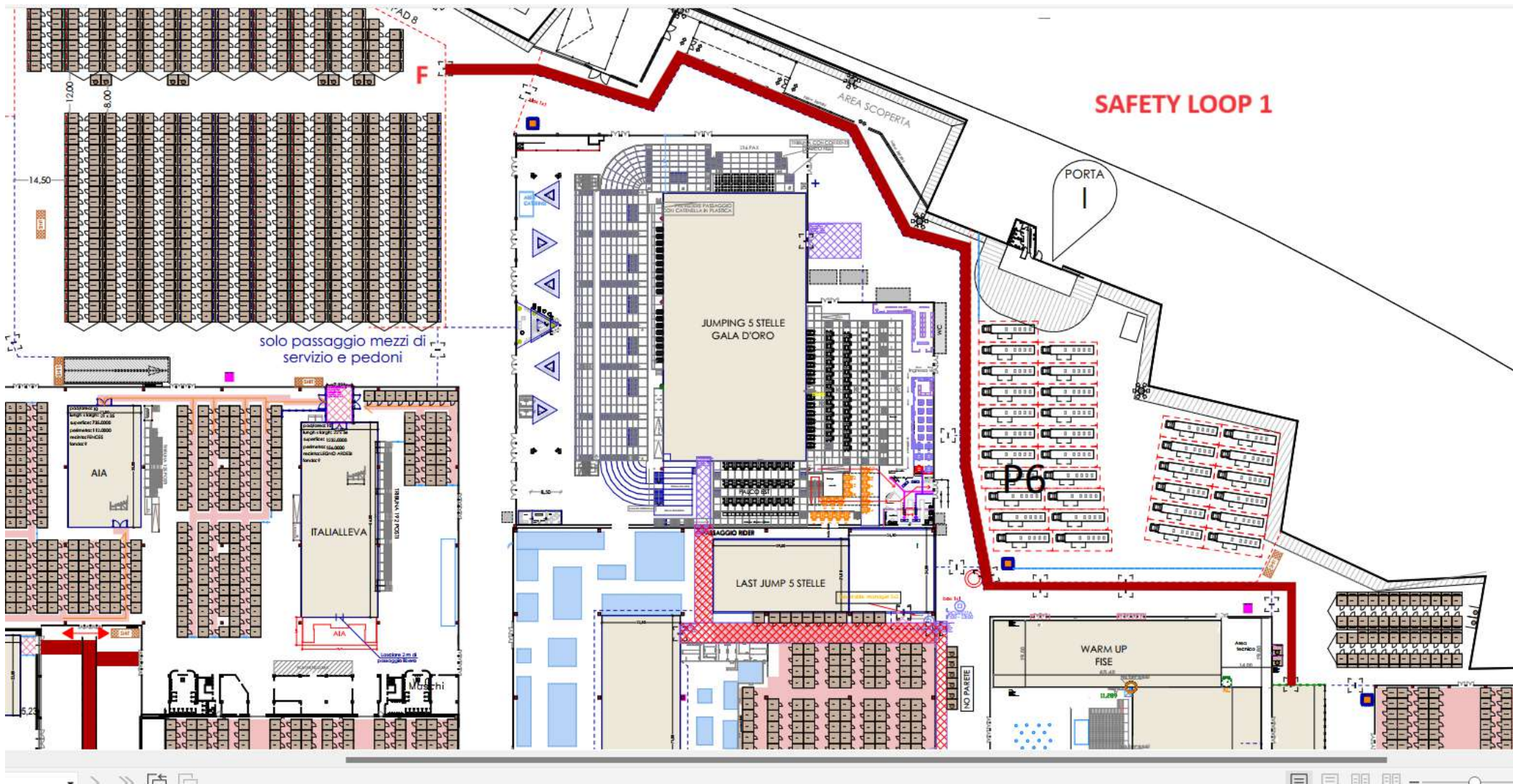
Safety Loop 2 connects show halls 9, 10 and 12 and Outdoor Area C as far as the animation area (AREA D). There will also be supervised pedestrian crossings allowing visitors to reach the various show halls in complete safety.

Horses that have to move between these show halls/outdoor /areas will ONLY be able to do so along the Safety Loop. The stall area reserved for horse boxes in Area C is closed to the public.

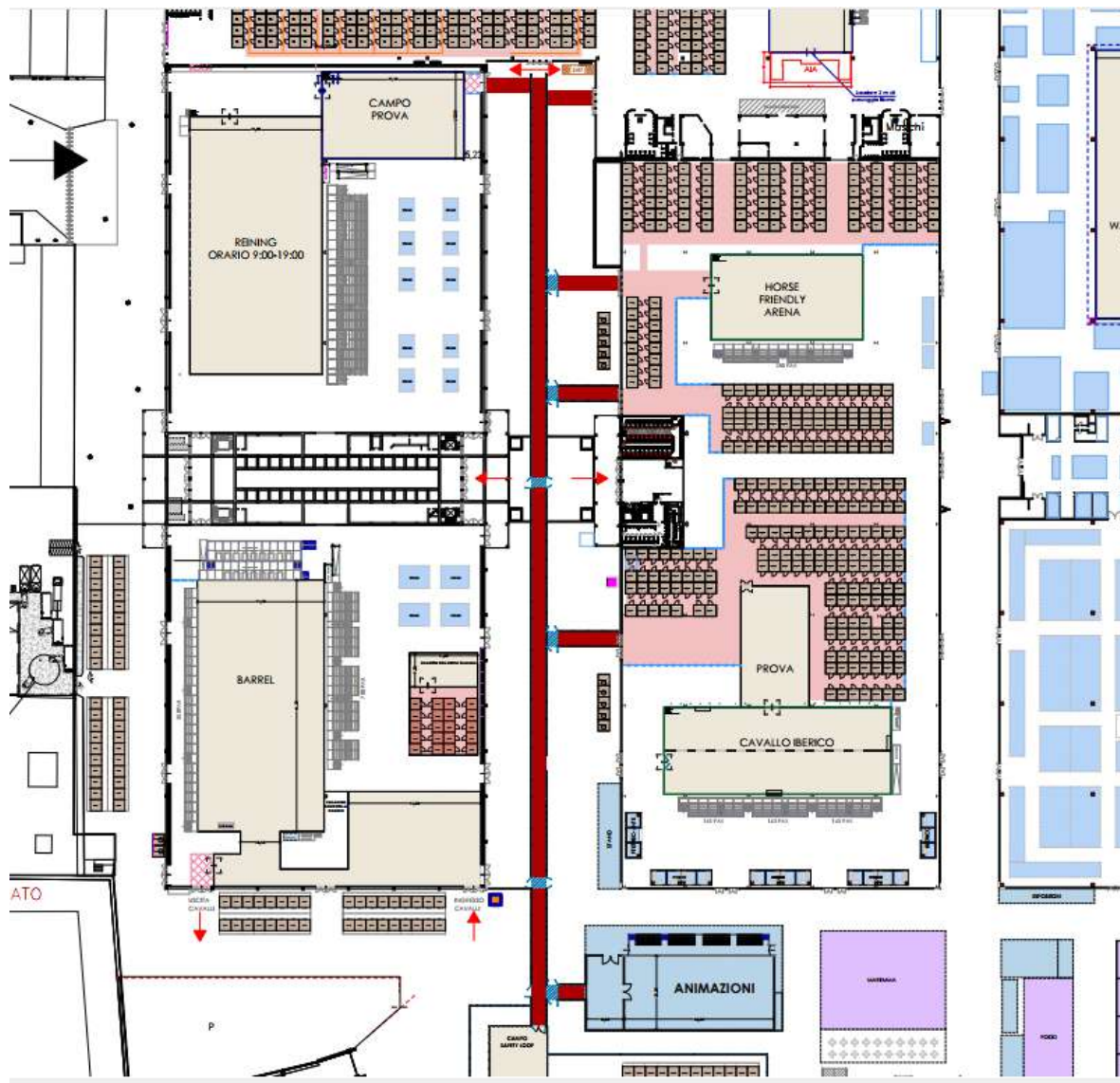
The circulation of carriages inside the Exhibition Centre is prohibited. The show halls used as horse boxes are not accessible to the public unless they have a special bracelet issued by the competent Secretariats.



# SAFETY LOOP 1

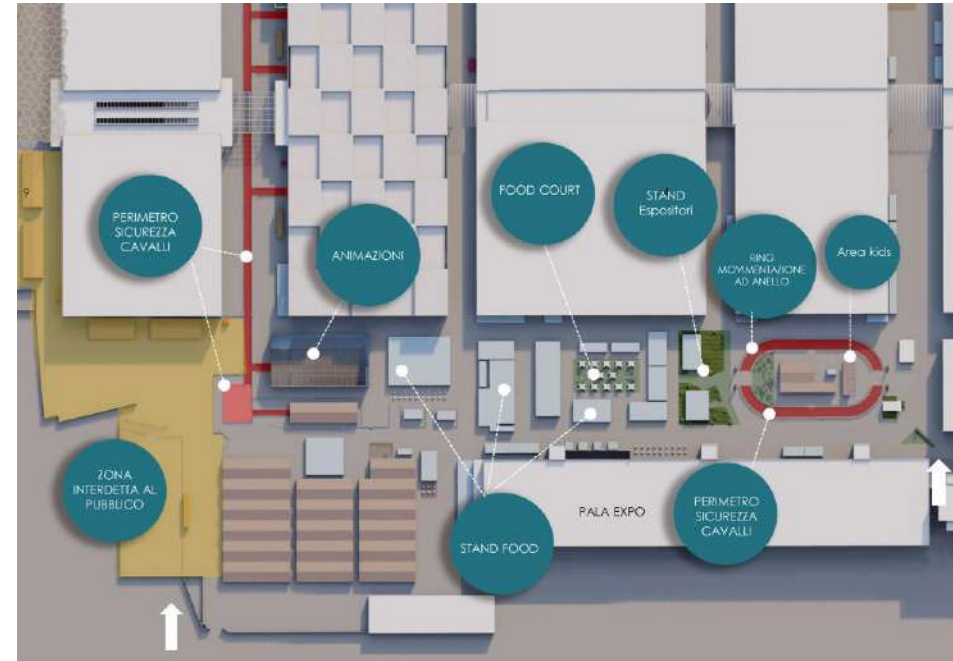


# SAFETY LOOP 2



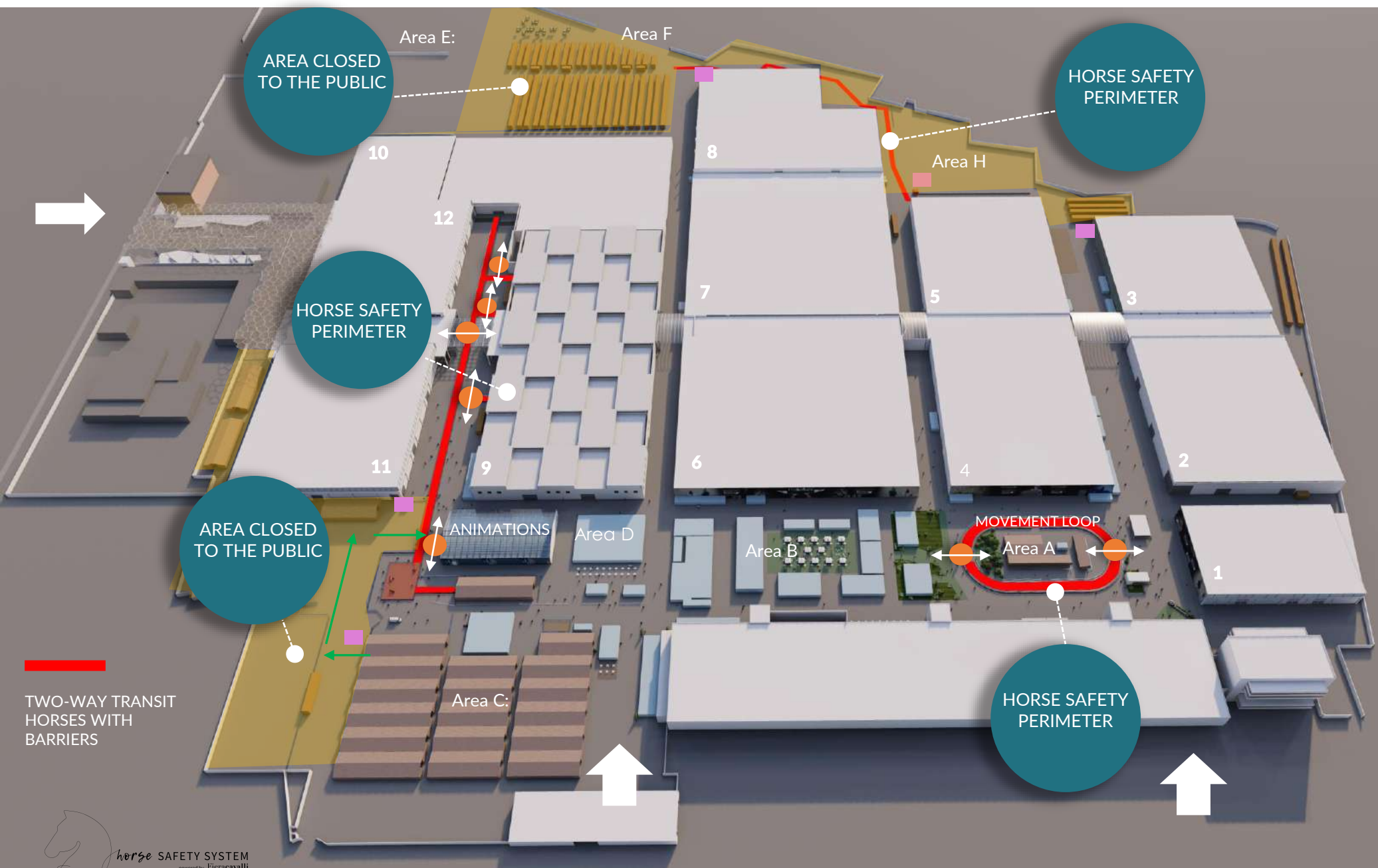


# THE NEW EXHIBITION CENTRE MAP









## SAFETY INTERVENTION NO. 1

- 1 m high barriers:
  - AREA D: 805 metres
  - TROT LOOP: 340 metres
  - AREA H: 790 metres

**TOTAL = 1935linear metres**

- TNT branded barriers:
  - AREA D: 770 metres
  - TROT LOOP: 340 metres
  - AREA H: 390 metres

**TOTAL = 1500linear metres**

- Openings - 3 metres long to allow passage by visitors: no. 25

- Area C horse lane for access to animations area (Area D)

- Control box: no. 5

## 2. EXHIBITION CODE OF ETHICS

### INTRODUCTION

For as many as 125 years, Fieracavalli has focused on what is closest to its heart: the comfort of exhibitors, visitors and riders, but above all the well-being of the horses and related species taking part in the event.

In order to ensure high safety levels, for the next event in November 2023, and all subsequent events, Fieracavalli has developed regulations intended further to improve the safety conditions for exhibitors, visitors, riders and the well-being of animals.

As part of the updated *Horse Safety System project*, Fieracavalli has implemented an **Exhibition Code of Ethics** to define clearly the set of values acknowledged, accepted and shared by Fieracavalli as regards **animal welfare** which it intends to promote among exhibitors and visitors attending the Show, as well as everyone involved in the equestrian sector.



## 2. EXHIBITION CODE OF ETHICS

The Code of Ethics has the main aim of regulating and defining the **ethical and personal conduct standards** that everyone, in their various roles, fields and responsibilities, operating within the scope of the Event must comply with.

In order to attend the event, all associations for every discipline must sign the Code of Ethics and disseminate it among their members.

Fieracavalli undertakes to share and disseminate the Code of Ethics among all parties, including by way of publication on the [www.fieracavalli.it](http://www.fieracavalli.it) website, as well as to update and review the Code based on any regulatory changes or whenever otherwise necessary.

The document was drafted by **Fieracavalli** with the **Avv. Alberto Franchi** Law Firm c/o the Court of Verona, with input by the **Islander Onlus Project** Association and the assistance of the **ULSS 9 Scaligera Local Health Authority of Verona**, in compliance with current animal welfare legislation, in particular the guidelines contained in the *“Code for the protection and management of horses and related animals”* published by the **Ministry of Health** and the local regulations for the protection of animals of Verona City Council.

## **1. RECIPIENTS**

The principles and standards contained in this Code of Ethics apply to all subjects who, whatever their capacity, operate within the scope of the Event, as well as holders of licences, concessions, authorizations and registered members of professional orders. National and regional category representatives must base internal relationships with their associates, as well as relationships with third parties, based on the principles indicated in this Code. They must also denounce any conduct that does not comply with the Code itself.

## **2. GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

Fieracavalli wishes to promote healthy and correct interaction between people and animals based on ethical and moral principles intended to protect and respect the well-being of animals a "sentient beings".

Fieracavalli aligns its activities with laws and regulations concerning animal welfare, as well as the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health, and expects similar strict conduct from all its partners.

## **3. COMBATING DOPING**

Combating doping is a fundamental aim underlying the application of this Code of Ethics. Doping is not only a phenomenon in blatant contradiction with the ethics of sport but also seriously harms the health of horses and causes irreparable damage to the credibility of the equestrian sector .

Fieracavalli, within the limits of its knowledge and the scope of its operations, undertakes to provide collaboration and unconditional availability to the competent entities responsible for performing anti-doping controls.

#### **4. Equine health and welfare**

Horses and related species must be cared for by personnel capable of ensuring their well-being in harmony with the surrounding environment. Veterinarians must ensure that their main priority is the health and well-being of these animals. They must oppose the use of pharmacological and/or training practices that endanger the health and well-being of all animals or that may artificially improve their sporting performance.

Veterinarians who provide services on behalf of Fieracavalli must operate with the utmost diligence and impartiality. Fieracavalli reserves the right to impose veterinary checks for any animals in a questionable state of welfare. The Scientific Committee is responsible for assessing the state of well-being of all animals and, together with the Steering Committee, may implement any consequent and appropriate measures, including the withdrawal of the animal in question from the exhibition sector.

#### **5. Movement and activities of horses**

Inside the show halls, horses can move around, led by hand or mounted, only in those areas intended for this purpose which have non-slip finishing of the floors.

In the outdoor areas, horses may move around, led by hand or mounted, only inside the "Horse Safety Loop"; In any case, horses must not transit through areas they are not allowed to access. Carriages are always and in all circumstances not allowed to circulate inside the exhibition centre. During performances and when moving around Fieracavalli, owners and/or keepers of horses are required to pay close attention to visitors to avoid possible harm to people, the horses themselves and things.

The owners and/or keepers of horses must ensure appropriate daily physical exercise for them; Horses must not remain saddled in the box stalls for more than 1 hour.

It is strictly forbidden to subject horses to excess work or activities not included in the Event programmes and/or outside the timetable of the Event itself. It is also forbidden to organise demos or performances not envisaged in the schedule defined or in any way outside permitted areas and the times indicated, as well as in areas considered to be hazardous for people, horses or things.

The Scientific Committee and the Steering Committee reserve the right to evaluate any conduct deemed to be inappropriate and take any consequent and appropriate action, including the withdrawal of the horse from the exhibition sector.

## 6. Using the stables and other facilities

Grooms and stable managers are responsible for supervising the boxes and safeguarding the well-being of the animals kept there.

They must constantly ensure:

- appropriate and well-rationed nutrition
- fresh, clean water must always be available;
- clean and abundant litter that allows the horse to roll and lie down;
- horses are kept in a clean and tidy environment

The **facilities where horses are kept** must also ensure:

- Natural or artificial ventilation which must not create direct air flows over the horses and in any case proportional to the volume of the facility;
- A temperature appropriate for the needs of the horse;
- Suitable fixed or mobile lighting that does not subject horses to prolonged periods of darkness or constantly expose them to light;
- Protection against prolonged periods of excessive noise.

The lighting in the show halls is dimmed by 23:00.

It is mandatory to respect the access times and standards for using the facilities for handling and looking after horses.

It is forbidden to place dangerous and/or bulky materials inside the boxes.

It is expressly forbidden to drink alcohol and smoke near horses and their stalls, in the stables and in all areas where horses are kept or in transit.



## **7. Harnessing and harnesses**

Using tools, harnesses or any other means or substances that may in any way affect the performance and well-being of horses is absolutely forbidden.

## **8. Training tools and techniques**

The use of tools or training techniques that may cause harm to horses is forbidden, including, by way of example but not limited to:

1. Whipping, hitting or using spurs excessively, as well as subjecting the horse to any kind of device, instrument, equipment or procedure capable of causing pain.
2. Abnormally sensitize or desensitize any part of a horse's body (using doping substances, stinging agents, tranquillizers, etc.)
3. Immobilize or isolate a horse for long periods, thereby preventing its most basic movements.
4. Keep horses still, saddled and tied for a long time in the warm-up rings.
5. use the Spanish “serreta” without protection
6. practice dangerous and/or coercive riding styles

It is strictly forbidden to compete, exhibit or display a horse that is injured, lame, exhausted or with obvious weakness, malnourished, marked with spurs and/or with fresh wounds even caused by incorrect use of harnesses (e.g. muzzle).

It is also forbidden to expose horses to weather conditions that could compromise their safety and well-being.

The Scientific Committee and the Steering Committee reserve the right to evaluate any conduct deemed to be inappropriate and take any consequent and appropriate action, including the withdrawal of the horse from the exhibition sector.

## **9. IDENTIFICATION OF HORSES & RELATED ANIMALS**

The identity document must accompany these animals at all times.

EC Regulation no. 504/2008, valid as of 1 July 2009, applies as regards the identification of horses and related animals.

The owner and/or keeper of the animal must truthfully and transparently provide all data needed to identify the animal in question, as well as documents certifying its state of health.

The place of origin of the animal must always be declared (address and stall box location).

## **10. HORSE TRANSPORT**

Transporting horses and related species, including loading and unloading stages, must take place in compliance with EC Regulation no. 1/2005 as amended. Transport must be appropriate for the physiological, morphological and ethological needs of animals, avoid any suffering and be carried out with due care and without unnecessary delays.

Animals must travel safely and with all necessary protection.

## 11. Obligations of visitors

Visitors to Fieracavalli must apply rules of good manners and behave respectfully towards people, animals and things. It is forbidden to access the areas closed to visitors or non-sector operators, as well as enter stables without access authorization; it is also forbidden to pass through or remain in transit areas reserved for horses.

Visitors **MUST NEVER** touch or feed horses and related animals unless expressly authorized by and in the company of the persons in charge of them. During any kind of interaction with horses, visitors are required under their own personal responsibility to conduct themselves with extreme caution, uphold safety distances and avoid loud noises or sudden gestures.

Do not stand or approach horses from behind.

During performances, shows and competitions, visitors must respect competing athletes and watch the event without causing disturbance or obstructing it in any way whatsoever.

It is forbidden to bring into the facilities hosting Fieracavalli any objects that may in any way cause harm to people, horses & related animals and things.

It is expressly forbidden to drink alcohol and smoke near horses and their stalls, in the stables and in all areas where horses are kept or in transit.

Dogs must always be kept on a leash.

To ensure respect for the environment, it is forbidden to abandon waste or other materials and drop cigarette butts on the ground; please use the appropriate containers.

## 12. REPORTS

If the intended recipients of this Code become aware of violations or other situations incompatible with the values expressed herein can contact personnel appointed by Fieracavalli, the Steering and Scientific Committees and the Veterinary Service.

Reports may be made in written or oral form or sent to the following e-mail address: [welfare@fieracavalli.it](mailto:welfare@fieracavalli.it). They will be collected and initially filed by the Crisis Unit and then reviewed by the Committees.

Confidentiality over the identity of persons sending reports is always assured, over and above any legal obligations.

Reports will be forwarded immediately to the Crisis Unit for any pertinent and appropriate measures.

Fieracavalli will be supported in relation to any reports received by Ecology-Animal Guardians, such as Penitentiary Police officers and Public Officials, affiliated with Veronafiere S.p.A., who will constantly monitor the situation of the animals involved in the Show, in agreement with the Veterinary Service of the Local Health authority ULSS 9 Scaligera AREA C.

## 13. Sanctions

In instances of confirmed violation of this Code (after consulting the Board of Directors of Veronafiere or its President), the Crisis Unit reserves the right to adopt the sanctions it deems appropriate and commensurate with the seriousness of the violations.

In order to determine the type and extent of the sanction effectively applicable, violations are assessed on a case by case basis with regard to the seriousness of the episode or the extent of damage caused, including moral issues.

Sanctions take the form of written and/or oral warnings, a ban on taking part in one or more competitions and withdrawal of the animal from the event.

Sanctions may be applied progressively and in proportion to the seriousness of the ascertained facts, at the complete discretion of the above-mentioned Crisis Unit.



### 3. STEERING COMMITTEE AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

In order to ensure constant **updating and improvement** of the Exhibition in relation to the principles expressed in the Code of Ethics, Fieracavalli has established **two internal organs-the Steering Committee and the Scientific Committee** - having the task of formulating **proposals, opinions and recommendations**, as well as the power to **report** any violations of the Code of Ethics to the Crisis Unit.

Both Committees will work in a parallel and integrated manner on a regular basis throughout the year in order to ensure constant monitoring and innovation.

The members of these committees appointed by Fieracavalli were chosen from persons with proven experience and high ethical and professional profiles.

The **Steering Committee** has a consultation and planning function and, in particular, is responsible for providing indications, opinions and recommendations concerning activities, needs and initiatives relating to Fieracavalli, with special attention to the Protection of Animal Welfare, thereby ensuring an official and permanent consultation channel for the various social, economic, production and institutional realities that animate the Event.

The Steering Committee independently identifies consultation methods and timing.

The **Scientific Committee** provides appropriate technical-scientific advice to the Steering Committee and the guidelines needed to guarantee and ensure consistency with the aims and objectives of the Exhibition. It also proposes veterinary technical-scientific initiatives at Fieracavalli.

The members of the Committees are appointed by Fieracavalli and chosen among **leading exponents** representing interested parties.

The composition of the Committees is updated periodically, usually every year, and must be published on the Veronafi website.

The Committees meet separately and decide by simple majority.

During the Exhibition itself, members of the Steering Committee and the Scientific Committee will wear a specific and recognizable badge.

## STEERING COMMITTEE:

- **Laura Bocchi** –(COORDINATOR) Former President of the Temporary Animal Protection Committee of Verona City Council
- **Ing. Giuseppe Rea** –City Councillor for the protection and welfare of animals
- **Dott. Stefano Adami** -Director of the UOC Veterinary Service for the Hygiene of Livestock and Livestock Production, Local Health Authority Ulss 9 Scaligera
- **Dott.ssa Camilla Siliprandi** -Veterinarian, expert in I.A.A. (animal assisted therapy)
- **Nicole Berlusconi** -Founder and President of Progetto Islander ONLUS
- **Captain Massimo Andreozzi** –Commander of the NAS (Fraud Squad), Padua
- **Lieutenant Colonel Susanna Manfrin** –Former Commander of the Verona Forestry Carabinieri
- **Dott. Susanna Cottica** –Chief editor of Cavalli & Cavalieri magazine
- **Prof. Nicoletta Zerman** –Delegate of the Rector of the University of Verona for matters concerning the Protection of Animals
- **Prof. Giorgia Anna Parini** –Professor of Private Law at the University of Verona and expert in animal rights.
- **Prof. Elisabetta Guido**– Professor of Criminal Law at the University of Verona

## SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

- **Dott. Stefano Adami**– (COORDINATOR) Director of the UOC Veterinary Service for the Hygiene of Livestock and Livestock Production, Local Health Authority Ulss 9 Scaligera (the Unit responsible for monitoring animal welfare at trade fairs).
- **Dott. Fabrizio Cestaro** –President of the Order of Veterinarians, Verona
- **Dott. Giulia Fiocchi** -Veterinarian with the Islander Project, horse therapist
- **Dott. Marco Mora** -Veterinarian, horse therapist
- **Prof. Romano Marabelli** -advisor to the Directorate General of the World Organization for Animal Health (formerly OIE) and international animal health expert
- **Dott. Matteo Ganesella and Dott. Flavia Gottarolo**- Department of Animal Medicine, Production and Health - UNIPD
- **Dott. Franco Mutinelli** -Director of the Experimentation and Animal Welfare Department of the Experimental Zooprophyllactic Institute of Venice (IZSVe)

## 4. CRISIS UNIT

**The Fieracavalli Crisis Unit** meets and operates exclusively during the Exhibition itself. It has the task of ensuring observance and interpretation of the Code of Ethics, collecting reports of any violations of the Code from visitors, exhibitors, veterinarians or Animal Guardians.

The Crisis Unit comprises a President, in the person of the Fieracavalli Event Manager Armando Di Ruzza, Dr. Adolfo Rebughini, Operations Director of VeronaFiere S.p.A., Dott. Stefano Adami, coordinator of the Scientific Committee, Laura Bocchi, Coordinator of the Steering Committee, Avv. Alberto Franchi, Carlo Alberto Delaini, Press Office Director of VeronaFiere S.p.A., Elena Schiavi Fieracavalli Press Office Manager and Maria Baleri, Fieracavalli Technical Consultant.

The Crisis Unit decides by simple majority. In the event of a split decision, the President's vote will decide.

The Crisis Unit, having acquired every report concerning the health and/or well-being of horses and related animals presented during the Event, will appoint the delegate of the Local Health Authority ULSS 9 Scaligera - animal welfare supervision department AREA C - to prepare a technical evaluation and will reach all pertinent decisions.

The Crisis Unit may apply the following sanctions gradually and in proportion to the seriousness of the facts ascertained: written and/or oral warnings, a ban on taking part in one or more competitions and withdrawal of the animal from the event.

In case of withdrawal, the horse in question may be sent to the Sommacampagna Equestrian Centre (near Verona) until the end of the Event.



## STATEMENT BY ASSOCIATIONS

On 09 November 2023, all Breeding/Sporting and Discipline Associations are required to send by email to [welfare@fieracavalli.com](mailto:welfare@fieracavalli.com) a self-certification declaring that all the horses arriving at the Exhibition Centre and dependent on them are in good health.

### FOR ACCEPTANCE

Association\_\_\_\_\_

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Role of the signatory\_\_\_\_\_

Date

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