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## FEQHA STATEMENT ON THE CHANGE OF DQHA INTERNATIONAL STATUS

Due to the Affiliate Agreement of DQHA being not renewed by AQHA we make the following statement.

30 years ago when founding the FEQHA no one thought about the possibility of such incidence. This unfortunate situation we are facing now however forces FEQHA to reconsider the rules that regulates our existence and activity.

According to the Charter of FEQHA admission, reprimand or exclusion can only be done by the body of members. A possible exclusion cannot be directly based on the member's international status. However exclusion can be based on "important reason", but still needs to be discussed and voted on by the body of members.

FEQHA Board understands the change of DQHA international status as a very important fact to be considered for our future and for the future of European Championship.

FEQHA Board also understands the needs and interests of everyone involved in the European Quarter Horse industry and will do everything in its power to ensure that tasks and obligation are being set forward and specified in the Charter, especially to secure the position of the European Championship.

### 2.1. of the Charter states

"The purpose and aim of the Association is the promotion of the inbreeding of the American Quarter Horse following the rulebook (handbook) of the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) as well as the promotion of the equestrian sport, popular sport, of racing and chart racing with Quarter Horses."

Therefore it is mandatory that FEQHA considers the interest of the American Quarter Horse Association, its international affiliates and secures the financial background of the European Championship which is run primarily by the participants. FEQHA does not condone the position DQHA has taken in opposition to AQHA, and this will be a core point in the discussion of their membership status.

This being said, FEQHA will address DQHA's current status during our next General Assembly, planned for August in Kreuth.

Until then DQHA is still a member of FEQHA as such organization and affiliate, its members are allowed to enter the European Championship.

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THE FEQHA BOARD