

Equestrian Canada

In 2023 the CWHBA Chair and Board members focused on an analysis of the Traceability Proposal that EC circulated late 2022. After we gave our indepth response and indicating that we still supported the project with the caveat that the database must include use of the UELN and therefore a method for breeders to track sport results; we met with the CEO and project manager.

The original proposal by the UK company, Equine Register, has proved to be too expensive so other options are being looked at. Equine Register has incorporated a branch in Canada and is preparing to offer extensive database services to Canadians as a business independent of EC. It may in the end also have the contract for national traceability, but that is not decided. We met with them to see what they offer and will meet again, probably in April to assess their progress and see how applicable their services may be to the CWHBA and our members.

EC is looking at alternatives to Equine Register and we are also slated to meet again with them after this AGM. We have been assured that we will be included in the ongoing development of a system, regardless of what provider is chosen.

The CWHBA has been a strong advocate of a National ID and Traceability from the beginning and we want to be part of its implementation to ensure that the needs of Canadian breeders are met.