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Dr Smit,

The SAEF have received a number of complaints relating to content posted on your Facebook page. This relates to:

- i) Promoting the vaccination of competitive horses by owners.
- ii) Promoting the non-use of passports for horses in competition.

As you are an Official FEI Endurance and Permitted Treating Veterinarian, these alleged statements are in conflict with the FEI code of conduct for both Official and Treatment Veterinarians.

The SAEF, in view of the complaints, have decided to investigate the matter.

You are requested to respond to the above allegations within seven (7) days, namely by Thursday 19th December.

Should you fail to respond the SAEF will pursue the investigation, following notification to yourself and take appropriate action if so decided by the Investigation Panel.

Kind Regards

Wessel Strauss

Secretary General

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