

# Interim measures for Australian horses to race in Hong Kong

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) announced today (March 7) that interim measures will be implemented to allow Australian horses to race in Hong Kong. The arrangement is intended to minimise the impact of the suspension of direct horse export from Hong Kong to Australia, in place since October, 2017.

The Australian Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) completed an assessment of the arrangement in Hong Kong today. As agreed between the AFCD and the DAWR, Australian horses are allowed to race in Hong Kong under agreed biosecurity conditions that will permit the horses to be exported back to Australia.

The interim arrangement will be effective from March 12, 2019.