

Dear Sirs..... Federations or OLR

Australia is now facing an epidemic of a new strain of rotavirus that causes a mortality in racing pigeons up to 40% including adults. The epidemic started in May 2016 in West Australia and already spread to the whole country and Tasmania.

The Australian government did not declare a ban to export pigeons to other countries. So for containment of the distribution of this new rotavirus the FCI has a duty of information to the member federations and imposes a ban of participation of Australian pigeons in all FCI Exhibitions and OLR of the FCI Grand Prix. This measure to be lifted when the disease is eradicated or an effective vaccine is available.

In annex an article about this new epidemic by Dr Lydia Teske et al.

The President of the Veterinary Commission of the FCI

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