

Trade Sector Report from Claire Williams

Anthelmintic resistance: Very much an issue for the trade as well with identical concerns about the ongoing availability and the need to increase use of FEC's. Involved in the VMD Stakeholder workshop and continue to contribute.

Trade: Whilst we have been seeing some improvements in production, deliveries and shipping costs, the supply chain is still experiencing challenges with the mixed impact of Brexit and Covid continuing into the winter. This means that raw materials and finished products coming in from Asia and China are seeing heightened difficulties again as Covid impacts upon production centres. Prices are likely to increase as a result of these factors and bear this in mind when you retailers can't supply you – it isn't because they don't want to, or haven't ordered stock, it is more likely to be due to lack of supply of components essential for UK mfrs or delays in finished products arriving.

Safety: First stage of the Airvest standard is completed and we will be moving onto hybrid vests next. The new EN1384 hat standard is being translated to enter the enquiry stage when it is circulated around all EU members (including in this case the UK) before considering comments and going to a vote.

Riding Accident & Equipment Report Form: We have just launched a new way of collecting and recording information relating to accidents and injuries directly related to horses, whether the accident or injury arose from riding or handling.

Accessed via web link or QR code it collects information on both the accident, injury and key for us the equipment worn. It will help to inform design and development of protective equipment in the future as well help us understand the relationship between wearing (and not) of equipment and scale of injury.

This is not replicating the good work that the BHS is doing in collecting data on riding incidents on the roads or when out riding,

This complements the work we are also doing to try and influence TARN – **Trauma Audit and Research Network** - NHS system for collecting trauma data which has neglected equestrian
<https://www.tarn.ac.uk/>

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScjED18Ze867THiPgFPMaqFaxFwd1jiAaopBKqkeMb9msVHFw/viewform>