

BETA Update December 2023

Safety:

- EN1384 is due to be harmonised any day now. This will be subject to Kite mark and IC Marking and brings a harmonised standard into EU for the first time since 2014.
- VG1 – will likely cease being used for the purpose of CE marking but time will tell as each country acts slightly differently,
- In the UK govt decision as to whether they designate it which is the UK equivalent of Harmonisation.
- This means it has a presumption of conformity to the requirements of the PPR regulation which we adopted on leaving the EU. This shows general Basic health and safety requirements but the standard gives the specifics.

Air vests – work is ongoing – a bit like the never ending story. Just when you think you have a final draft someone else raises additional points.

Stirrups – not off the agenda but proving challenging to get the data needed.

Feed – Slow start to the winter feed season. No issues with supply of raw materials. Feed fact Fortnight at the end of March into April, highlight and dispel many of the myths surrounding feeding and identifying sources of reliable information – does not equal Facebook groups.

Equine Fitters Council – Launched this year it is the independent authority aiming to self regulate equine fitters - saddle, bridle and bit.

Setting standards

Promoting education

Encouraging professional practice within the industry

Offers a single point of resource for those seeking to find equine fitters as all fitters who choose to registers are listed on an online Directory which provides details of how they are qualified to ply their trade <https://www.equinefittersdirectory.org>