

Press release

The HRD confirms that on 11 April 2023, it came into possession of photographic evidence and statements regarding the welfare of certain horses located at a private centre in Bambous.

Accordingly, on the same date, a team from the HRD consisting of officials, which included licensed Veterinary Surgeon Dr Marie Claire Domaingue, accompanied by the Police des Jeux, were dispatched to carry out an inspection at the private centre.

Subsequently, Dr Domaingue has prepared a report regarding her findings from the inspection which provides, in summary that:

1. There were 11 horses on the premises, located in clean stables with bedding;
2. 8 of the 11 horses were found to be in good physical condition;
3. However, the remaining 3 of the 11 horses, all of which had been retired from racing, namely, LAGACIO, ALSSAKHRA and BLACK INDY, were found to be in poor condition;
4. Upon investigation, Dr Domaingue was able to establish that fellow veterinarian, Dr Henry, had already been contacted regarding the condition of these horses and resolutions regarding them had already been determined.

In light of the above findings and the evidence in its possession, the HRD has convened an urgent meeting with the owner of the private centre in order to establish the necessary salient facts surrounding the matter and determine any subsequent action.

Additionally, in line with its continued partnership with the Ministry of Agro Industry, a copy of the aforementioned report has been forwarded to its Division of Veterinary Services.

Wednesday, 12 April 2023