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FAO: Mr Thomas James Carr DipWCF



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Dear Mr Carr DipWCF

Farriers Registration Council

Notice is hereby given to you that in consequence of information received by the Farriers Registration Council ("the Council"), an Inquiry is to be held into the following charges, on which evidence will be placed before the Disciplinary Committee at the meeting referred to below.

"That, being registered under the Farriers (Registration) Act 1975 (as amended) ("the Act"):

1. Between 5 September 2016 and 22 September 2021, you failed to submit any or all required annual returns to the Council; and/or
2. Between 14 April 2021 and 22 September 2021, you failed to respond adequately or at all to reasonable requests from the Council for details of your CPD record.

The above charges are brought under section 15(1)(a) of the Act.

You are hereby invited to send to this firm an answer in writing to the above-mentioned charge, stating whether you admit or deny it and also specifying which, if any, of the facts set out above you admit. Any answer, admission or other statement or communication which you may desire to make with respect to the said charge should be addressed to:

Miss Nicole Curtis
Capsticks Solicitors

1 St George's Road
London
SW19 4DR

Notice is further given to you that on **Tuesday 9 August 2022**, commencing at **09:30am**, a meeting of the Disciplinary Committee of the Council will be held at the Farriers Registration Council, 14 Swan Court, Forder Way, Cygnet Park, Hampton, Peterborough PE7 8GX, to consider the above mentioned charge against you and to determine whether or not it should direct the Registrar to remove (by suspension or permanently) your name from the Register pursuant to section 15 of the Act.

We understand that you have made a request to attend the hearing virtually. Arrangements have already been made for the hearing to be in person. We therefore consider it most appropriate for your request to attend virtually to be made to the Chair, for the Committee or the Chair to then determine. In view of your conversation with Joanna Howard of this firm, we can submit the application on your behalf to the Chair. This application will be based on the telephone note made of that conversation. A copy of that note is enclosed with this letter. If you disagree, please let us know. If so, we suggest that you write (by letter or email) to the Chair in advance of the hearing, explaining your reasons for wishing to attend virtually. We can confirm that the Council would have no objection to you attending virtually, and can accommodate a hybrid hearing, if the Chair/Committee agrees to this course of action. This means that, if the Chair/Committee agrees, you could attend virtually via video-link but everyone else, including the Committee would attend in person.

You are invited to appear before the Committee at the place and time specified above (either in person or, if the Chair/Committee agrees, virtually via video-link), to answer the charges.

The Committee has the power, if you do not appear, to hear and decide upon the charges in your absence. This could include imposing a sanction on you in your absence, including directing that your name be removed from the register.

If you wish to apply for the Inquiry to be postponed, you should notify Miss Curtis at the above address as soon as possible, stating the grounds upon which you desire a postponement.

We enclose a copy of the Farriers (Registration) Act 1975 (as amended) and the Farriers Registration Council Disciplinary Committee (Procedure) Rules 1976. Your attention is drawn to Rule 16 with regard to your right to be represented by Counsel, Solicitor or other persons.

Yours sincerely

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