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With offices in New York, Kentucky and California, Mersant International Ltd., is the Official Agent for *The Breeders Cup*, and the Official USA Agent for *The Dubai World Cup*.

Mr. Santarelli is currently a member of the following organizations:

- ✓ The American Horse Council in Washington D.C.; a member of their Health and Regulatory Committee for the past 20 years.
- ✓ Current president of the Animal Transportation Association (ATA); U.S. Chairman of Equine Committee for over ten years and on the Board of Directors from 1998 to 2001 when he became President-Elect.
- ✓ Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA)
- ✓ Arabian Jockey Club

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Administration of Veterinary Drugs by Attendants!

Introduction & Background



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- **The debate is not whether or not tranquilizers should be on board, but on how they are to be handled , and who is qualified to administer them.**
- **Great controversy exists at the present time as to whether or not a groom should be permitted to carry and administer drugs that require in most countries a licensed Veterinarian.**
- **The AATA met in October 2001 , in London with industry leaders representing the horse industry at Lloyds Offices in London.**

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- **In 2002 , in Mexico City at our 28th Annual Conference we decided to seek a resolution to this problem on an international scale.**
- **We decided on a course of action as follows:**
- **1/ To clarify the word Competent Groom as it exists with the LAR. To this end the AATA prepared a proposal for the LAPB , presented in Montreal in October 2002.**

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- **Outcome: A working group was established at that meeting to develop new text defining Competent which will be voted upon at the April 25th Meeting in Montreal of the LAPB. We will advise our members the exact text selected as soon as we are notified by LAPB of its addition to the LAR.**

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2. There is a need to develop a Code of Practice on the Responsible Use of Animal Medicines for Transportation, such as exists in most areas for Farms. Said practice to include the use of tranquilizers by Registered and Independently assessed Equine Attendants, such as the AATA Equine Attendant Program.

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3. Enlist the cooperation of IATA's Live Animal Board to create an Airline Emergency Kit, that would be in the control of the Airline Crew which would then alleviate the changing laws from country to country. The groom could then obtain access to said Kit through the Crew on board where needed.

AATA'S Equine Registration Program, with NPTC assessment

- The Equine Attendant Program of the AATA has been operational for years and has now become the industry norm for Professional Attendants.
- We are garnering increased interest in our program, particularly post 911 from Airlines, and Ministries of Agriculture, and the Insurance Industry around the world.
- The AATA Equine Committee will continue to expand and improve our program, with addition of: 1/ extensive background checks, 2/ training programs.

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- Another potential requirement will be a **DTVP: Documentary Trail of Veterinary products** being carried, to include
 - A. Where they originate,
 - B. From whom and to whom dispensed,
 - C. Whether or not used in route or on board, and finally,
 - D. A record of their final Use or Return.

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Which then leads us to today, in which the AATA has tried to garner the interest and support of Equine Associations in various parts of the world to come to Washington to begin the process of solving this problem that affects the International Transport of Animals.

Increased interest in AATA, and the Equine Attendant Registration Program & the need to complete further phases (Livestock, Exotics, etc.)

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