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Table 1. Proposals made by sectoral executive authorities of the constituent entities of the Russian Federation and members of the Expert Council of the Horse Breeding Development Association concerning the draft Strategy for Horse Breeding Development in the Russian Federation for the period up to 2025

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1. Altai Republic	1. Opinion of 06.07.2019 by A. P. Todoshev, member of the Association’s Expert Council. His candidacy was proposed in the letter of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Altai Republic of 26.06.2019 No. 1906.	On page 13, ‘Herd Horse Husbandry’: insert subsidies for herd horse husbandry and subsidies for the construction and reconstruction of horse farms.
2. Republic of Buryatia	2. Letter of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Republic of Buryatia of 22.04.2019 No. 13-05-12-И1392/19.	The Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Republic of Buryatia notes the relevance and necessity of developing a Strategy for Horse Breeding Development in the Russian Federation. The Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Republic of Buryatia and the interested parties have considered and support this Strategy.

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2. Republic of Buryatia	3. Opinion of 23.05.2019 by Yu. V. Filippov, member of the Association's Expert Council. His candidacy was proposed in the letter of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Republic of Buryatia of 22.04.2019 No. 13-05-12-И1392/19.	Having analysed the current situation for the growth and development of horse breeding in the Republic of Buryatia, I propose the following steps: 1. Establish breeding farms on the basis of private horse owners operating under all forms of ownership who have experience in breeding pedigree horses and possess the infrastructure and feed resources to raise high-quality stock. 2. Resume support programmes for breeding farms engaged in pedigree horse breeding.

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2. Republic of Buryatia, continued	3. Yu. V. Filippov's opinion, continued.	3. Reconstruct the racecourse and resume horse performance testing and other measures to identify the best stock. 4. To attract private investment into the industry, develop a programme to compensate for the costs of keeping, training and testing horses at the racecourse. 5. Establish an equestrian sports school with branches in the republic's districts to attract children to the industry. 6. Organize seminars and professional development courses for industry workers. 7. Establish a horse breeding department or training courses at the Agricultural Academy named after Filippov. 8. Establish an auction venue for selling horses both within the Russian Federation and abroad. 9. Establish several training centres in the republic's districts. 10. Provide information coverage for all events relating to horse testing, using all available resources: the Internet, television and so forth. 11. Establish contacts and information exchange with Mongolia and the People's Republic of China. 12. Develop ways of cooperating with the Government of the Republic of Buryatia to prevent corrupt schemes and uncontrolled export of horses abroad.
3. Republic of Mordovia	4. Letter of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Republic of Mordovia of 22.05.2019 No. 06-08/1498.	We also report that we have no comments or proposals concerning the draft Strategy for Horse Breeding Development in the Russian Federation for the period up to 2025.

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4. Sakha Republic (Yakutia)	5. Letter of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia) of 07.06.2019 No. 13/*И*-АН-4210/07.	The Ministry of Agriculture of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia) has considered the draft Strategy for Horse Breeding Development in the Russian Federation for the period up to 2025. We agree with the Strategy's provisions overall, except for the item 'Productive (meat-producing herd) horse husbandry' in Section IV, which we ask to be worded as follows:

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4. Sakha Republic (Yakutia), continued	5. Ministry of Agriculture letter, continued.	a) develop enterprises producing and processing horse husbandry products, attracting funds from the federal and regional budgets and from investors; b) provide subsidies to compensate for costs associated with modernization and construction of slaughter facilities and processing units; c) develop and introduce a productivity-recording system; d) create conditions for organizing exports of horses raised for meat and products obtained from them.
5. Kamchatka Krai	6. Letter of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Processing Industry of Kamchatka Krai of 30.05.2019 No. 29.06/1632.	The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Processing Industry of Kamchatka Krai (hereinafter, the Ministry) has considered the draft Strategy for Horse Breeding Development in the Russian Federation (hereinafter, the Strategy). In our view, the Strategy's principal objective, to identify the priorities for sustainable development of horse breeding in the Russian Federation, has been achieved. However, feed resources, which are fundamental to supporting animal life, have not been addressed. We propose including the development and improvement of feed resources in the draft Strategy. Achievement of the results envisaged by the Strategy will provide high-quality feed resources and appropriate horse feeding systems, making it possible to approach scientifically justified cost indicators per unit of livestock production.
6. Krasnodar Krai	7. Opinion of members of the Kuban Horse Breeders Association, in the letter of A. S. Fontanetsky, President of the nonprofit organization 'Kuban Horse Breeders Association', of 05.04.2019 No. 11.	I am forwarding the proposals and additions of members of the Kuban Horse Breeders Association for the Strategy for Horse Breeding Development in the Russian Federation up to 2025 being developed by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation: 1. Requirements for organizations breeding pedigree and gene-pool (local) breeds: - farms must be licensed and meet animal husbandry and veterinary requirements. 2. Develop a system for selecting breeding horses: a) comprehensive breeding evaluation (grading);

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6. Krasnodar Krai, continued	7. Kuban Horse Breeders Association opinion, continued.	b) establish the defects that prevent horses from being admitted to the breeding stock and entered in the State Stud Book. 3. To assist enterprises, establish breeding stations in every region on the model of state stud stables (ГЗК), to help with the breeding season and preparation of pedigree documents. 4. Requirements for racecourses: a) performance testing of riding breeds at racecourses must become the principal stage of selection work; b) part of racecourse profits must be allocated to developing stud-farm breeding; c) racecourses must strictly comply with all requirements for horse performance testing; their licensing requirements must specify an obligation to provide staff accommodation, a canteen and a sauna; d) abolish charges for horse testing at racecourses. 5. Revise the Horse Testing Rules in the light of current realities and international experience. 6. Identify stud farms that will be responsible for maintaining and promoting the principal riding breeds (Thoroughbred, Arabian and Akhal-Teke), providing them with material, methodological and organizational resources from the state. 7. Require the All-Russian Research Institute of Horse Breeding (ВНИИК) to develop and implement an automated racehorse rating system. 8. To motivate stud-farm operators and horse-industry specialists, the Institute shall develop arrangements for an annual review of performance in the horse breeding industry, defining award categories and prizes for outstanding achievements. 9. Develop a set of measures to promote horse racing and the racing industry.

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7. Perm Krai	8. Letter of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of Perm Krai of 23.05.2019 No. СЭД-25-02.2-01-88.	In response to your letter, we report that the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of Perm Krai has considered the draft Strategy for Horse Breeding Development in the Russian Federation for the period up to 2025 (hereinafter, the Draft).

Translator's note: the original phrase 'случайной компании' is understood from its breeding context as the breeding season ('случной кампании'). The Russian source has not been amended.

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7. Perm Krai, continued	8. Ministry of Agriculture and Food letter, continued.	We have no proposals or comments concerning the Draft.
8. Vladimir Oblast	9. Letter of the Department of Agriculture and Food of the Administration of Vladimir Oblast of 02.07.2019 No. ДСХП-3141-08-07.	In response to your request of 03.06.2019 No. 08/87 to take part in discussing the draft Strategy for Horse Breeding in the Russian Federation, the Department of Agriculture and Food of the Administration of Vladimir Oblast reports that development of this document is timely and necessary. To develop horse breeding, we propose retaining state support in the form of subsidies to reimburse part of the costs associated with selection measures. Federal and regional budget allocations for horse breeding support should be calculated for broodmares, breeding stallions and young horses being tested at racecourses. We consider it inappropriate to establish regional selection centres (associations) for local horse breeds and self-regulatory organizations in horse breeding. Recording and registering breeds, and organizing and overseeing activity in horse breeding, should be the responsibility of the Federal State Budgetary Scientific Institution 'All-Russian Research Institute of Horse Breeding', which should also be empowered to develop programmes for preserving and supporting gene-pool horse breeding in Russia. To address staffing issues, we propose strengthening or establishing a system for training and certifying personnel in the principal specialities across all branches of horse breeding, by integrating the scientific and educational capabilities of research institutions.

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8. Vladimir Oblast	10. Review of 06.06.2019 by O. V. Yevseyeva, member of the Association's Expert Council. Her candidacy was proposed in the letter of the Department of Agriculture and Food of the Administration of Vladimir Oblast of 30.04.2019 No. ДСХП-2079-08-07.	Review of the draft Strategy for Horse Breeding Development up to 2025, set out on 2 handwritten sheets. The Draft has been considered. I approve it overall. Pedigree stud-farm breeding can survive only with centralized pedigree recording. State support in the form of subsidies to reimburse part of the costs associated with selection measures must be retained.

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8. Vladimir Oblast, continued	10. O. V. Yevseyeva's review, continued.	Federal and regional budget allocations for horse breeding support must be calculated for broodmares, breeding stallions and young horses being tested at racecourses. Proposals concerning the Draft: 1) The breed's gene pool (broodmares, breeding stallions and young stock at stud farms) must be protected against being pledged to banks as collateral when loans are obtained. 2) To increase the interest of owners of stud farms and other breeding enterprises, the following are necessary: a) introduce tax concessions where the stud farm's development specialization and historically established location are preserved; b) provide state support through the free transfer into the ownership of stud farms and other breeding enterprises of horse breeding facilities (stables, warehouses and so forth) and adjoining pasture and haymaking land, subject to an encumbrance requiring preservation of the gene pool of the breeds raised; c) increase the coefficient applied when subsidizing breeding stock of horse breeds kept under managed-pasture systems from 2 to at least 3-4. 3) Do not lower the minimum number of broodmares required for stud farms and other horse breeding enterprises, in order to maintain normal selection and breeding work and preserve and develop sire lines and mare families of domestically bred horses. 4) To preserve domestic breeds, decentralizing pedigree records and transferring this function to the regions is unacceptable.

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9. Voronezh Oblast	11. Opinion of 15.04.2019 by N. M. Chernyshov, member of the Association's Expert Council. His candidacy was proposed in the letter of the Department of Agrarian Policy of Voronezh Oblast of 09.04.2019 No. 60-01-23/965. Received on 15.04.2019.	Equipment and supplies for harness racing and flat racing are 100% imported, substantially increasing the cost of preparation before admission to racecourses and of racecourse testing itself.

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9. Voronezh Oblast, continued	11. N. M. Chernyshov's opinion, continued.	Accordingly, the Strategy for Horse Breeding Development in the Russian Federation up to 2025 must provide for reviving domestic manufacture of harness and carriages, as well as horseshoes and shoeing nails.
10. Kaluga Oblast	12. Opinions of M. V. Davydova, member of the Association's Expert Council. Her candidacy was proposed in the letter of the Ministry of Agriculture of Kaluga Oblast of 11.04.2019 No. 06-13/120.	Proposals of 19.04.2019 concerning the draft 'Strategy for Horse Breeding Development for the Period up to 2025'. The submitted draft Strategy contains no mechanisms for creating the economic, legal, organizational and technological conditions for sustainable development of the industry, preservation and improvement of the gene pool of domestic horse breeds, and enhancement of their competitiveness in domestic and world markets. The Strategy's principal provisions almost entirely repeat those of the sectoral programme 'Development of Pedigree Horse Breeding in the Russian Federation for 2013-2015 and for the Planning Period up to 2020', approved by Order No. 173 of the Russian Ministry of Agriculture of 09.04.2013, which, over a 10-year period, has demonstrated its complete ineffectiveness. The Strategy entirely lacks analysis of the markets for breeding products and does not identify target groups of purchasers of pedigree horse breeding products. Because this analysis is absent, no 'technical specification' has been formulated for the products of breeding enterprises across all selection directions. The industry's target indicators contain no information on the financial progression of its development. Adopting this Strategy, whose principal provisions have already proved unsuitable in a market economy, will lead to collapse and the final destruction of what remains of the horse breeding industry in our country.

Translator's note: the source states a '10-year' period while referring to a programme approved in 2013 and comments dated 2019. This chronology is retained without inventing a corrected period.

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10. Kaluga Oblast, continued	12. M. V. Davydova's opinions, continued.	To bring the industry out of crisis, the Strategy's principal provisions must be fundamentally revised. Above all, the economic mechanisms governing every branch of pedigree horse breeding must be worked out in detail. On that basis, a 'technical specification' must be formulated for selection work with national breeds, taking account of prospects for developing existing and establishing new markets for breeding products in Russia and abroad. 'Non-commodity' pedigree horse breeding involving sport-horse breeds requires particular attention, especially the activities capable of generating substantial budget revenue. These groups require special sections of the Strategy that take account of consumer demand for their products and its dependence on macroeconomic and regional economic factors. The Strategy's principal provisions concerning breeds used for sport, including those tested at racecourses, must take account of the following key facts: market forces have divided pedigree breeding for sport in our country, in line with general world practice, into two distinct branches: 1. Sport-horse breeding. Sport-horse breeding produces horses for Olympic and other sports, including amateur and recreational use. Profit in this segment depends on the high purchasing power of a narrow segment of consumers with above-average incomes. This market is exposed to significant economic risks. As this domestic cluster is closely connected to global markets because of the broad geographical spread of Olympic sports, substantial separate expenditure is needed to advertise and promote domestically developed breeds in external and domestic markets, given the large-scale expansion of foreign-bred horses into our market. 2. Trotting and flat-racing horse breeding. Trotting and flat-racing horse breeding produces horses for an independent,

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10. Kaluga Oblast, continued	12. M. V. Davydova's opinions, continued.	self-sufficient harness-racing and flat-racing industry, where profits come from totalizator betting and revenue from public events. In current conditions, the concept of 'testing to identify breeding value' no longer exists for racehorses and trotters. The market for pedigree trotting and flat-racing horses depends on the financial return from a racing horse's participation in races, and the return from a breeding horse's use in reproduction. This market is self-sufficient, self-financing and only slightly exposed to economic risks. Since it is mainly domestic, the greatest financial return will come from horses of domestic breeds that cannot be replenished by importing horses, as every invested rouble will remain in the country. The return from a racing horse consists of its prize money and allocations from totalizator turnover. The economic benefit of keeping a racing horse brings owner funding into: - improvement of training technology; - development of training and racing infrastructure; - improvement of horse husbandry methods; - development of the livestock feed industry; - development of veterinary medicine and sports pharmacology; - creation of jobs for training staff and improvement of their qualifications. The principal target buyers of racing horses are private and concession-based owners, who are hardly involved in agricultural production. For broodmares, the return from reproduction is determined by demand and the market price of young stock, and payments to breeders from totalizator turnover; for stallions, by demand for their breeding services and the market price of a covering. The economic benefit of reproduction brings owner funding into: - improvement of horse keeping and rearing systems; - improvement of agricultural production methods;

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10. Kaluga Oblast, continued	12. M. V. Davydova's opinions, continued.	- improvement of horse husbandry methods; - development of the livestock feed industry; - introduction of innovative selection methods, including cryopreservation and circulation of cryopreserved material; - development of veterinary medicine; - creation of jobs in selection and animal husbandry and improvement of personnel qualifications. The principal participants in the reproduction market are large, medium-sized and small private agricultural enterprises. At present, harness-racing and trotting horse breeding is entirely loss-making in all the areas listed above. It exists solely through financial support from individuals and legal entities investing money earned from other economic activities. If these last nongovernmental investors withdraw, the industry will cease to exist altogether, since the state currently does not own the enterprises fundamental to the industry: stud farms, breeding multiplication farms and other enterprises producing breeding products, without which a harness-racing and flat-racing industry cannot exist solely on imported stock. Restoring the industry requires urgent emergency measures in the following areas: 1. Attract spectators to public equestrian events by creating a favourable environment for leisure and entertainment. 2. Develop horse-racing totalizator betting, increasing the number of bettors and total stakes by simplifying the procedures for placing bets and receiving winnings. 3. Attract buyers to the racing-horse market and make it economically attractive for purchasers of racing horses. The following initial conditions are required as a priority to implement these measures: 1. Provide, by construction or reconstruction, high-quality infrastructure attractive to consumers

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10. Kaluga Oblast, continued	12. M. V. Davydova’s opinions, continued.	for organizing public events and entertainment. 2. Conduct extensive advertising and promotion programmes presenting racecourses as leisure venues and harness racing and flat racing as sport and betting activities.

Translator’s note: the source here uses ‘беговое и рысистое’, two overlapping descriptions of trotting/harness-racing horse breeding. The translator has not silently replaced one with ‘скаковое’ (flat-racing).

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10. Kaluga Oblast, continued	12. M. V. Davydova's opinions, continued.	3. Create a 'user-friendly' totalizator interface for bettors across all betting channels: racecourse betting windows, urban terminals, the Internet and mobile applications. 4. Organize a developed, tiered system of auctions for breeding products. 5. Establish self-regulatory organizations by type of activity to devise rules for the functioning of industry segments, oversee compliance with them, and connect every market participant, without exception, with the state through self-regulatory organizations. 6. Establish a support mechanism for irreplaceable domestic breeds, the foundation of the country's horse breeding market. Given the significant initial investment needed to create these initial conditions, the state and public-private partnerships must play the decisive role. Totalizator turnover offers the greatest potential for recovering invested funds through tax revenue. The Strategy's target indicators, based on growth in horse numbers, do not show the industry's financial development or return on invested funds. More informative target indicators are needed to monitor the effectiveness of the new market model: 1. Annual sales of young breeding stock (number of head and value in roubles), including exports (number of head and value in roubles), and domestic breeds (number of head and value in roubles). 2. Annual prize money awarded in roubles at racecourses (number of racecourses and a separate breakdown by racecourse), including prize money for domestic breeds. 3. Annual turnover of the national totalizator in roubles, with separate figures for each racecourse. 4. Number of industry jobs, including those requiring higher or secondary specialized education, and average industry salary in roubles. Proposals of 17.05.2019 concerning the draft 'Strategy for Horse Breeding Development for the Period up to 2025'.

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10. Kaluga Oblast, continued	12. M. V. Davydova’s opinions, continued.	Trotting and flat-racing horse breeding for prize races produces horses for an independent,

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10. Kaluga Oblast, continued	12. M. V. Davydova's opinions, continued.	self-sufficient harness-racing and flat-racing industry, where profits come from totalizator betting and revenue from public events. We therefore consider it necessary for the Strategy to place breeding for prize racing in a separate section subject to individual regulation. To bring breeding for prize racing, both trotting and flat racing, out of deep crisis, we consider the following additions to its section of the Strategy to be necessary priority emergency measures: 1. To revive demand for racing horses and make breeding enterprises self-financing, reallocate subsidies from support for breeding enterprises (subsidies under the foal + mare scheme, subsidies for purchasing young breeding stock, and so forth) to prize money in harness racing and flat racing. A mechanism for allocating prize money and monitoring its use must be developed. 2. Determine the event organizers (public organizations with self-regulatory functions) authorized to work with the Ministry of Agriculture on use of funds allocated for prize money. See Appendix No. 1 for the scheme of interaction between industry participants. 3. Add the following items to the industry's target indicators to reflect its financial state and progression: - sales of young breeding stock (annual number of head and value in roubles), including irreplaceable domestic breeds (value in roubles) and exports; - annual prize money awarded in roubles at Russian Federation racecourses, separately for each racecourse, including money for irreplaceable domestic breeds; - annual turnover of the national horse-racing totalizator, separately for each racecourse, in roubles; - annual number of industry jobs, including those for workers with higher and secondary specialized education. 4. Include in the Strategy a list of measures to support irreplaceable domestic breeds:

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10. Kaluga Oblast, continued	12. M. V. Davydova’s opinions, continued.	- introduce restricted prize races accounting for 85% of the total number of prize races for

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10. Kaluga Oblast, continued	12. M. V. Davydova's opinions, continued.	horses born in the Russian Federation; - introduce the principal major and traditional prize races for irreplaceable domestic breeds; - introduce a coefficient of 1.3 for distributing prize money for irreplaceable domestic breeds. 5. Include in the Strategy the development and implementation of a separate horse breeding promotion programme: a list of events, programmes on federal television channels, festivals, cultural activities and 'CEO' (online) promotion. This programme requires state funding. To D. N. Patrushev, Minister of Agriculture of the Russian Federation. OPEN LETTER Dear Dmitry Nikolayevich, The Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation is currently completing work on the Strategy for Horse Breeding Development for the period up to 2025. A draft of this Strategy was presented for public discussion at the meeting held on 16 May 2019 at the Central Moscow Racecourse with the participation of leading Russian stud-farm operators. The stud-farm operators were unanimous: the submitted draft in no way sets out mechanisms for creating the economic, legal, organizational and technological conditions for sustainable industry development, preservation and improvement of the gene pool of domestic racing breeds, and enhancement of their competitiveness in domestic and world markets. The Strategy's principal provisions entirely repeat those of the sectoral programme 'Development of Pedigree Horse Breeding in the Russian Federation for 2013-2015 and for the Planning Period up to 2020', approved by Order No. 173 of the Russian Ministry of Agriculture of 09.04.2013, which, over a

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10. Kaluga Oblast, continued	12. M. V. Davydova's open letter, continued.	10-year period, has demonstrated its ineffectiveness. The Strategy presents no economic mechanism for bringing the industry out of crisis, offers no proposals for reforming the industry's structure in line with present realities, and provides target indicators that do not show the economic progression of pedigree horse breeding and merely record horse numbers. Adopting this Strategy will lead to collapse and then the final destruction of what remains of the horse breeding industry in our country. To bring the industry out of crisis, the Strategy's principal provisions must be fundamentally revised. First and foremost, the economic mechanisms governing all branches of pedigree horse breeding during recovery from the crisis must be worked out in detail, including stages of transition to self-financing as economic indicators are achieved. Special attention must be paid to breeding for prize racing as the most economically promising branch worldwide. Breeding for prize racing produces horses for an independent, self-sufficient harness-racing and flat-racing industry, where profits come from totalizator betting and funds from public events. We therefore consider it necessary for the Strategy to include a separate section on breeding for prize racing, subject to individual regulation. To bring breeding for prize racing, both trotting and flat racing, out of deep crisis, we consider the following additions to the relevant Strategy section to be necessary priority emergency measures: 1. To revive demand for racing horses and make breeding enterprises self-financing, reallocate subsidies from support for breeding enterprises (subsidies under the foal + mare scheme, subsidies for purchasing young breeding stock, and so forth) to prize money in harness racing

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10. Kaluga Oblast, continued	12. M. V. Davydova’s open letter, continued.	and flat racing. A mechanism for allocating prize money and monitoring its use must be developed. 2. Determine the event organizers (public organizations with self-regulatory functions) authorized to work with the Ministry of Agriculture on use of funds allocated for

Translator’s note: the ‘10-year’ chronology is reproduced as written in the original; see the note relating to source page 7.

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10. Kaluga Oblast, continued	12. M. V. Davydova's open letter, continued.	prize money. 3. Add the following items to the industry's target indicators to reflect its financial state and progression: - information on sales of young breeding stock (annual number of head and value in roubles), including irreplaceable domestic breeds (value in roubles) and exports; - information on annual prize money awarded in roubles at Russian Federation racecourses, separately for each racecourse, including money for irreplaceable domestic breeds; - information on annual turnover of the national horse-racing totalizator, separately for each racecourse, in roubles; - information on the annual number of industry jobs, including those for workers with higher and secondary specialized education. 4. Include in the Strategy the development and implementation of a separate horse breeding promotion programme: a list of events, programmes on federal television channels, festivals, cultural activities and online promotion. The promotion programme requires state funding. Prepared by: M. V. Davydova, General Director of 'Serp Stud Farm' LLC, representative of Kaluga Oblast and member of the Expert Council of the Horse Breeding Development Association. 20.05.2019.
11. Kirov Oblast	13. Letter of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of Kirov Oblast of 01.04.2019 No. 531-44-05.	We report that we have no proposals ... for the Strategy for Horse Breeding Development for the period up to 2025.

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12. Kurgan Oblast	14. Opinion of 14.06.2019 by R. G. Savina, member of the Association's Expert Council. Her candidacy was proposed in the letter of the Department of the Agro-Industrial Complex of Kurgan Oblast of 17.04.2019 No. 04/1901. Received on 14.06.2019.	The draft Strategy for Horse Breeding Development in the Russian Federation for the period up to 2025 analyses the state of the industry, adequately covers the factors holding back its principal branches and proposes ways of addressing the problems. At present, the document may need editing. After the Strategy is approved, it matters which activities from Section IV will be included in the State Programme for subsidizing. I consider pedigree horse breeding to be the priority direction. State support in the form of subsidies to reimburse part of the costs associated with selection work is necessary: - for stud farms and breeding multiplication farms registered in the State Breeding Register, for broodmares, breeding stallions and young horses being tested at racecourses; - for racecourses registered in the State Breeding Register, for organizing and conducting horse performance tests, and for construction and reconstruction. At this historical stage, it is difficult for pedigree horse breeding, especially breeding for prize racing, to survive without state support. Investors generally are more willing to support activities that receive state support. There are undoubtedly great hopes for totalizator betting, but its establishment and development depend on racecourses' material and technical resources and the breeding stock raised by farms under different forms of ownership.
13. Omsk Oblast	15. Letter of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of Omsk Oblast, undated, No. *И*СХ-19/МСХ-б/н.	Reporting documentation on pedigree horse breeding must remain in the established form: viable foal output, rather than mare + foal. Do not include testing young breeding stock at racecourses in the performance indicator for stud farms or breeding multiplication farms, since most young breeding stock should be sold.

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13. Omsk Oblast, continued	15. Ministry of Agriculture and Food letter, continued.	The All-Russian Research Institute of Horse Breeding must remain the supervisory body for issuing horse passports, as an independent horse-testing laboratory and maintenance of the State Stud Books (ГПК) are concentrated in one place. Scientific and breeding work in the branches of horse breeding is carried out specifically at the Institute.
14. Orenburg Oblast	16. Letter of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Processing Industry of Orenburg Oblast of 29.05.2019 No. 01-02-07/2472.	The draft Strategy for Horse Breeding Development in the Russian Federation for the period up to 2025 (hereinafter, the Strategy) aims to create economic, legal, organizational and technological conditions for sustainable industry development, preservation and improvement of the gene pool of domestic horse breeds, and enhancement of their competitiveness in domestic and world markets. Considering the Strategy's significance, timeliness and full coverage of the principal tasks for achieving its stated objective, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Processing Industry of Orenburg Oblast supports its adoption in the submitted wording.
15. Sakhalin Oblast	17. Letter of the Agency for Veterinary Medicine and Livestock Breeding of Sakhalin Oblast of 14.06.2019 No. 3.32-999/19.	The Agency has no comments or proposals concerning the draft Strategy for Horse Breeding Development in the Russian Federation for the period up to 2025.

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16. Tambov Oblast	18. Opinion of 20.03.2019 by O. I. Staroverova, member of the Association's Expert Council. Her candidacy was proposed in the letter of the Department of Agriculture of Tambov Oblast of 29.03.2019 No. 01-14/1255. Received on 21.03.2019.	Until totalizator betting becomes operational, I consider it necessary to allocate Ministry of Agriculture funds as subsidies for horse testing in the form of prize money to all racecourses in the country, regardless of ownership, for restricted prize races for horses born in Russia. This will give stud-farm operators and horse owners breathing space.

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17. City of Moscow	19. Letter of the Department of Trade and Services of the City of Moscow, Government of Moscow, of 17.06.2019 No. 01-7222/9.	Regarding consideration of the draft Strategy, I report that, in the opinion of the Department of Sport of the City of Moscow, the submitted draft lacks a set of measures to support equestrian disciplines included in the Olympic Games programme (dressage, show jumping and eventing) and the Paralympic Games programme (dressage). Athletes in these equestrian disciplines train on part-bred horses bred for specific intended uses. It is therefore proposed to consider developing a set of measures to support equestrian sport.
18. Nenets Autonomous Okrug	20. Letter of the Department of Natural Resources, Ecology and the Agro-Industrial Complex of the Nenets Autonomous Okrug of 31.05.2019 No. 4508.	We also inform you that, having considered the draft Strategy for Horse Breeding Development in the Russian Federation for the period up to 2025, the Department has no additional proposals or comments.

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