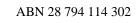
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## Statement regarding ACDS Officials Training & Accreditation update

I would like to advise members that the update of the ACDS Officials accreditation systems for Dressage Judges and CDE Officials has been progressing, but unfortunately has recently encountered a setback.

A key member of the project team has decided for their own reasons, that they are unable to continue involvement. As a consequence, the ACDS is not able to make use of various materials developed to date.

ACDS Federal Council makes no judgement or comment regarding the individual's decision; we respect their right to withdraw from the project, note the contribution made to date and express our sincere disappointment that they felt unable to continue.

I would ask that members refrain from speculating or passing comment publically or via social media, ACDS website forum etc. in this regard.

Federal Council will make a decision in the near future in relation to recommencing the process of Official's clinics, and the accreditation system format to be used.

I understand, and share, the considerable frustration many members have regarding the time taken to finalise the update. Regrettably the current circumstances will undoubtedly result in further delays, as we re-evaluate our existing material and processes. I would like to sincerely thank those that continue to work on the project and am confident that we will ultimately achieve appropriate improvements to our systems.

Brendan Dwyer ACDS Federal President 18 May 2016