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## Indian Standard CODE OF PRACTICE FOR EQUINE HOUSING

## 0. FOREWORD

- **0.1** This Indian Standard was adopted by the Indian Standards Institution on **27** May 1964, after the draft finalized by the Livestock Housing Sectional Committee had been approved by the Agricultural and Food Products Division Council.
- **0.2** Horses still have an important role to play in spite of the continuously growing mechanization in the country and it is unlikely that they will ever be ousted. Unquestionably, horse racing is still acclaimed as a refined pastime, though it is confined to only a small proportion of the society. Apart from using horses for racing purpose, they are more widely used in the country for drawing purposes. So the need for stabling them will continue. The sizes of animals found in different parts of the country vary considerably and hence the ~dimensions of the stalls also would vary accordingly. Mules are also used in the country for doing heavy work such as carrying loads and drawing carriages. They are popular for the above purposes specially in the Defence Services. In this code, provision has been made for suitable housing facilities for equines, such as horses and mules in order to provide them with the necessary comforts.
- **0.3** This code has been prepared with the intention to serve as a guide for the construction of various structures required for stabling horses.
- **0.4** Wherever a reference to any Indian Standard appears in this code, it shall be taken as, a reference to the latest version of the standard.
- **0.5** Metric system has been adopted in India and all dimensions appearing in this code have been given in this system.
- **0.6** For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this code is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS: 2-1960 Rules for Rounding Off Numerical Values (*Revised*). The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

## 1. SCOPE

**0.1** This code deals with the general layout and constructional details of stables, including stalls, loose boxes, paddocks and other ancillary structures relating to the housing of equines.