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Prime Minister Beata Szydło

Dear Madam,
acting as members of the Polish Arabian Horse Breeders Association, which represents the community of Arabian horse breeders and enthusiasts in Poland, we wish to make the following urgent appeal.

Arabian horse breeding is one of the three most recognizable Polish brands in the world. Each year in August the Arabian Horse Days in Janów Podlaski attract numerous breeders and enthusiasts of this breed, including world famous personas. Because of the high quality of Polish horses, the prices achieved for them at the famous Pride of Poland Sale are the highest in the world. This is an achievement of a group of people - specialists and authorities in this field, who through their passion, knowledge and actual accomplishments created and keep creating the Polish Arabian horse brand. It is a many year process.

On February 19th, 2016, three specialists: Anna Stojanowska (Agricultural Property Agency), Jerzy Białobok (Michałów Stud) and Marek Trela (Janów Podlaski Stud) were dismissed from their positions held in government institutions. The above mentioned people enjoy great recognition in the international community and serve important functions in organizations gathering people and entities associated with Arabian horses not only worldwide - in ECAHO and WAHO, but also in Poland, where they are members of the authorities of the Polish Arabian Horse Breeders Association. For many years they served as ambassadors of Poland in these organizations as breeders, judges, consultants.

Our intention is not to question the owners' decision regarding the formal positions of the directors as the companies' presidents, which cannot be judged by the members of the PAHBA Board, but to maintain breeding at a professional level, ensure its continuity and the carrying out of the appointed breeding programs. It must be noted that nowhere else is this more true than in the case of Arabian horse breeding. So far both studs had two president-directors, supervised by the late Izabella Pawelec-Zawadzka, and after her Anna Stojanowska (who de facto serves as the main breeder in the third Polish Arabian stud in Białka). In Janów Podlaski, starting from pre-war times, the main breeder was Andrzej Krzyształowicz, later succeeded by Marek Trela, whereas in Michałów it was Ignacy Jaworowski, succeeded by Jerzy Białobok. These changes took place as a form of breeding continuity, passed on from master to his student. We are deeply concerned that the program, which has been consequently carried out over many years with great artistry, could now be destroyed and changed by people with insufficient knowledge, experience and skill. Arabian horse breeding, especially focused on show horses that Poland for many years has been famous for, is in no way

comparable to other segments of animal production. Wrongful decisions, as well as an incorrect selection of horses for sale could not only cause damage to the breeding program of the state studs, but also to the position of Polish breeding in the world. Especially dangerous would be the selling of the best and most valuable horses, which could probably bring temporary success, but would further contribute to:

- a many year, if not complete collapse in the state studs,
- a destruction of breeding,
- a lack of successes at shows,
- the loss of the very high position of Poland in this field perceived worldwide.

This can also have an influence on private studs. An obvious consequence will be the decrease of average prices for the Polish Arabian horse. At the same time we would like to draw attention to an important fact, which are the financial results of both companies from last year, realized by those mentioned above.

Therefore in relation to the above and lead by great concern we would like to ask for the continuation of the current breeding program of the state studs, which breed Arabian horses under the supervision of experienced specialists mentioned above. In order to protect the high position of Poland in this field worldwide, Anna Stojanowska, Jerzy Białobok and Marek Trela should at least serve supervisory functions in the state breeding of Arabian horses.

With regards,

Signed by:

Members of the PAHBA board:

1. Krzysztof Poszepczyński,
 2. Tomasz Tarczyński,
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PAHBA followers - 8 people

Attn:

- Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Development Mateusz Morawiecki,
- Minister of Agricultural and Rural Development Krzysztof Jurgiel.

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