

We note the FEI email statement on 25th July 2018 stated;

“At international level the feet should be parallel with the horses to have the correct contact with the horse. These stirrups make the Athlete hold their feet turned away from the horse, which creates constant leg pressure on the horse and could be a risk of the excessive spur use on horses flank”

We have enclosed for you photographs of international FEI Dressage riders with their feet turned out. They are using the approved FEI traditional irons. Both the STS irons and traditional irons cannot force a rider's feet out. This action can only be achieved by the riders' choice of position.

Also, this statement did not come from the FEI Equipment Testing Group who tested the STS irons under riding conditions. These claims were not raised in their reports. Horses are unpredictable and rider safety is first and foremost.

