

RULE
Office of the Governor
Division of Administration
Racing Commission

The Louisiana State Racing Commission hereby gives notice that it intends to publish and formally adopt the following rule. The proposed amendment in conjunction with LAC 35:I.1505 and LAC 35:I.1725 changes the amount of medication allowed to be given for the therapeutic and/or nonsteroidal and/or anti-inflammatory medications listed in the *List of Controlled Therapeutic Medications* published by the Association of Racing Commissioners International, Inc. Louisiana is a member of the Association of Racing Commissioners International, Inc., and therefore has a vote on including medications from this list. Currently, there are 26 medications on this list. These medications consist of Category 3, 4, or 5 medication, drug, or substance as defined and listed by the Association of Racing Commissioners International, Inc. Drug Testing and Quality Assurance Program's *Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances*. The Rule memorializes the current rule which provides that detection of any Category 1 or 2 medication, drug, or substance as defined and listed by the Association of Racing Commissioners International, Inc. Drug Testing and Quality Assurance Program's *Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances* constitutes a violation.

This rule was formally adopted by the Commission at the August 24, 2015 Commission Meeting. This rule will be effective September 20, 2015, but will include a transitional period where the new drug thresholds will NOT trigger a positive test call until November 15, 2015. During this transitional period, Trainers will be provided notification of what will be violations of the new threshold levels set forth in the ARCI medication schedule, but will not be penalized for such violations until November 15, 2015.

However, any test that would have been a rule violation prior to this rule change will still be considered a violation during the transition period.

Title 35
HORSE RACING
Part I. General Provisions
Chapter 17. Corrupt and Prohibited Practices

§1787. Pre-Race Testing

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H. Whenever pre-race laboratory test reports indicate the presence of a prohibited medication

or drug in the sample taken from a horse scheduled to race, particularly, but not limited to specific maximum by quantitative determination of 2.0 micrograms phenylbutazone per milliliter of blood, stewards shall scratch the horse from the race. On the first offense a penalty of not less than \$100, nor more than \$200, shall be assessed the trainer. Upon second or multiple offenses for positive tests, the stewards shall take whatever action they deem appropriate, consistent with law and the *Rules of Racing*.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:141 and R.S. 4:148.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Commerce, Racing Commission, LR 8:140 (March 1982), amended LR 12:419 (July 1986).



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