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# Directive

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**TO:** State Stewards, State Veterinarians

**FROM:** Jerry Meaux, Chairman

**RE:** Suspension of Piroplasmosis Testing (LAC 35:I.1304)

**DATE:** February 17, 2014

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Based on the recommendation of Dr. Cooley, Equine Medical Director for the Louisiana State Racing Commission, the Commission hereby suspends until further notice the requirements of subsection "B" of LAC 35:I.1304, which is listed below. This directive shall not affect the requirements of subsection "A" of this rule.

**§1304. Mandatory Health Screening**

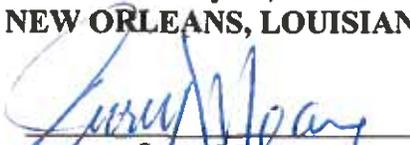
A. No horse shall be allowed to race in Louisiana unless it has had a Coggins test taken within 12 months of the date of the race in question, with a negative result. Record of the negative test shall be attached to registration papers of the horse, or such results shall be recorded on said registration papers by an employee of the commission, prior to the running of the race. The trainer of the horse is responsible for insuring that a negative Coggins test result is in the racing secretary's office as required by this rule.

B. No horse shall be allowed to enter the confines of a racetrack of any association holding a license to conduct a race meeting or race in Louisiana unless it has had an Equine Piroplasmosis (EP) test taken within 12 months of the date of entry upon the racetrack and/or race, with a negative result for Theileria equi. Record of the negative test shall be attached to registration papers of the horse upon entry to the racetrack. The trainer of the horse is responsible for insuring that a negative Piroplasmosis test result is in the racing secretary's office as required by this rule.

**BY ORDER OF THE LOUISIANA STATE RACING COMMISSION**

**February 17, 2014**

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Jerry Meaux  
Chairman

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