



NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

Levamisole

Levamisole is an anti-parasitic drug which has been implicated in a number of cases involving the detection of prohibited substances. The most recent case involved a horse in Queensland

In the horse, levamisole can be metabolised into a number of derivatives which are performance enhancing and thus prohibited substances

In Australia levamisole is not registered for use in horses and therefore is not exempt from the list of prohibited substances

Trainers are advised that levamisole has a very narrow margin of safety and there are no indications for its use. It should not be used in horses at any time

Any finding of levamisole derivatives will be viewed most seriously by HRNSW. These derivatives would be considered to be Class 1 drugs and thus make the trainer liable to a period of disqualification of not less than 5 years for a first offence (under the recent penalty guidelines of 3 June 2012)

If you require any further information please contact HRNSW on (02) 9722 6600.

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