

WARNING TO TRAINERS

Trainers are hereby placed on notice that the continued use of unregistered products is done so at their own risk.

HRNSW has become concerned regarding the number of unregistered products being found in stables during the course of random inspections. On the face of the explanations tendered it appears most of these products have been obtained from persons or websites.

Trainers are precluded from having any substance or preparation in their possession that has not been registered, labelled, prescribed, dispensed or obtained in compliance with the relevant State and Commonwealth legislation.

The purchasing of products from websites and persons whom sell products from their vehicles is a risky practice and should cease. HRNSW encourages all trainers to ensure that they are aware of the active constituents of any product they are purchasing and using on their horses.

Trainers carry the absolute liability of presenting their horses to race free of prohibited substances, and therefore the onus in doing so lies with the Trainer.

A number of recent products that have been confiscated by HRNSW have undergone independent analysis and have been found to contain high levels of Formaldehyde and Acetaldehyde. These products include Bio-Bleeder and Kentucky Green.

As such HRNSW has engaged an approved laboratory to test urine samples for elevated levels of Formaldehyde and Acetaldehyde. Any sample that is deemed by HRNSW to be excessively elevated will be investigated and may also result in HRNSW impounding the horse for a period of time.

HRNSW also reminds Trainers to ensure that they avail themselves of the Penalty Guidelines for non-compliance in presenting a horse to race not free of a prohibited substance.

In addition, Trainers are reminded of the amendment to Australian Harness Racing Rule 196B, which came into effect from 1 July 2015 as follows:

196B. (1) A person shall not within one (1) clear day of the commencement of a race administer or cause to be administered an injection to a horse nominated for that race.

(2) For the purposes of this Rule, one (1) clear day means the twenty four (24) hour period from 12.01 a.m. to 12 midnight.

(3) A person who fails to comply with Sub-rule 1) is guilty of an offence.

For clarity, one clear day means that if a horse is racing on Friday, the last time it can have an injection is on Wednesday.

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