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NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

STABLE CONTAMINATION

Contamination from the stable environment can lead to an inadvertent breach of the Prohibited Substance rules.

Harness Racing NSW has previously supplied advice regarding possible sources of contamination which may need to be addressed in the stable environment.

The following recommendations are intended to complement that advice:

1. Horses administered prohibited substances should be treated in a separate stable reserved for that purpose, wherever possible.
2. Trainers should ensure that prohibited substances in the form of powders are carefully and appropriately handled to avoid any potential for the powdery residue to contaminate the horse's environment.
3. Gloves should always be worn when mixing medicated feeds or when administering medications and discarded before preparing another feed. Gloves should also be worn if medication has been applied to the hands of the person mixing the feed.
4. Prohibited substances administered in the form of gels, pastes or creams all have the potential to accumulate in the hair or skin of the horse and act as a substantial reservoir of the prohibited substance. The prohibited substance may then be slowly absorbed by the horse and be excreted in the urine.

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