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NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

DRIVER VESTS

A considerable number of NSW licensed drivers do not use approved safety vests when driving in trackwork, trials or races. In agreement with the UHRA, HRNSW has provided a considerable period of time for drivers to comply and has also worked with Harness Racing Australia to make more approved vests available for use.

There are approximately 8 models of vests that are approved for use, however some of these models may no longer be available for purchase as they have been superseded or are no longer manufactured. For further information please visit the HRA website at

http://www.harness.org.au/hra/VESTS_APPROVED.HTM

Below is a list of approved vests;

Airowear Swift	Airowear Outlyne
Eclipse Eventair	Jack Ellis Pro 2000
Phoenix Tipperary Air Esprit	Phoenix Protective Vest (Australian Harness Racer)
Toptac Swing Guard P11	VIPA Level 3 Vest

From 1 October 2014, HRNSW will enforce the use of approved vests for trackwork, trials and races. Any person that drives a horse without an approved vest will be subject to penalty. Further, any driver on raceday that does not have an approved vest will not be permitted to drive in a race.

To assist licensees to obtain an approved vest at the most competitive price, HRNSW have established an arrangement with VIPA Vests, and can obtain the VIPA Level 3 vest for a price of \$285. Anyone wishing to avail themselves of this offer, should contact Diane Lobb at HRNSW to place an order. HRNSW will invoice you directly for the vest which can be paid for by cash, credit card or the costs can also be debited from any payment due to you from HRNSW. You will have 30 days in which to pay for your vest from the date of the order.

HRNSW currently have x-small, small, medium and large sizes available for fitting purposes. The Stewards at various meetings over the coming weeks will have these vests with them. Please feel free to go and try the vest for correct sizing. In addition, the Stewards will have an order form which is to be completed should you wish to order a VIPA Level 3 Vest through HRNSW.

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

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