



AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

Prohibited List B thresholds – Theobromine

Summary:

The International Federation of Horseracing Authorities has amended the status of the prohibited substance theobromine from a threshold level to an International Residue Limit (IRL) within Article 6 of the International Agreement on Breeding Racing and Wagering.

The current IRLs for theobromine are 2ug/mL in urine and 0.3ug/mL in plasma.

In the interests of international harmonisation, Racing Australia has amended the rules to remove theobromine from the list of substances that have a threshold applied (Schedule 1, Part 2, Division 3 – Prohibited List B thresholds).

Racing Australia's Veterinary and Analytical Advisory Group has previously agreed to a national uniform approach to dealing with the detection of low levels of prohibited substances known to be environmental substances or feed contaminants, whereby IRLs are not formally adopted into the Australia Rules of Racing. It has previously been agreed that Australian racing laboratories would maintain their currently agreed local reporting levels for substances of environmental concern, and Australian and New Zealand Official Racing Analysts (ANZORA) would manage a collaborative approach between the laboratories to ensure these reporting limits were applicable to each laboratory.

Accordingly, theobromine has been removed from Division 3 – Prohibited List B thresholds and the Australian racing laboratories have been advised that theobromine at 2ug/mL in urine and 0.3ug/mL in plasma is to be included in the currently agreed list of local reporting levels for substances of environmental concern.

Amend Schedule 1, Part 2, Division 3 as follows:

PART 2 – SUBSTANCES PROHIBITED ON RACE DAYS, CERTAIN TRIALS ETC

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Division 3 – Prohibited List B thresholds

The prohibited substances set out below in this Division 3 when present at or below their respective threshold are exempt from Prohibited List B.

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10. Not used.

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