

Amendments to the Local Rules of Racing (Greyhound Racing)

1. New Local Rule - unauthorised exports of greyhounds

Background

The inclusion of a new Local Rule is proposed to clarify the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission's ability to take enforcement action in respect of an unauthorised exportation of a greyhound, and to ensure that a breach is treated as an offence.

Proposed rule

Add the following new Local Rule:

101.1 This rule applies where a greyhound has been exported from Australia without:

(a) a valid greyhound passport; or

(b) certified pedigree having been issued by Greyhounds Australasia.

101.2 The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission's records indicating that a person was the owner of the greyhound at the time of the export shall be prima facie evidence:

(a) that the registered owner intended to export the greyhound for the purposes of GAR R.124(1); or

(b) for the purpose of any proceedings or charges laid pursuant to these Rules.

101.3

(a) A person shall be guilty of an offence if the person sells or otherwise transfers ownership or custody of a greyhound to another person in circumstances where they are aware, or ought to be aware, that the greyhound will be, or is likely to be exported.

(b) A person will not be in breach of sub-rule (1) if the person has, prior to selling or transferring ownership or custody of the greyhound, taken adequate steps to ensure that the provisions of GAR R.124(1) have been, or will be, complied with by the intended recipient of the greyhound, by obtaining from the intended recipient:

(i) a copy of the written request from the intended recipient to Greyhounds Australasia for a greyhound passport and certified pedigree in respect of the relevant greyhound; and

(ii) a written response from Greyhounds Australasia confirming that such