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This Commission is charged with the responsibility to advance the best interests of horse racing, to curtail activities or circumstances inimical to the integrity and safe conduct of racing and to advance the public's confidence in the sport.

The Commission has provided notice during public meetings and through material distributed by the Executive Director that the best interests of the sport, in light of present conditions, justifies an increase in penalties associated with violations of the medication rules and regulations over those historically imposed, when warranted, especially for class I and II drugs as defined by the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI).

The Commission takes notice that recent drug positives containing residual levels of cocaine metabolites namely benzyolecgonine (BE) and ecgonine methyl ester (EME) fall under the ARCI drug classification guidelines as a class I drug. However, the Commission has concluded that a distinction must be made with respect to certain of the penalties which may be imposed for drug violations contained in this classification, specifically and exclusively for cocaine positives, when laboratory results indicate residual levels of BE alone or in combination with the EME metabolite.

This distinction is justified through scientific analysis, recognition of the widespread human use of cocaine in our society and the very high probability that these positive test results were caused by what is commonly referred to as environmental contamination.

The Commission further concludes that these cocaine positives shall be considered a violation of the medication rules and subject to all provisions contained therein, except as set forth below.

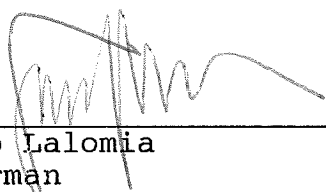
THEREFORE, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, the penalties that may be imposed on trainers when test results reveal residual levels of BE alone or in combination with EME metabolites will continue as set forth in the rules and regulations of the New Jersey Racing Commission, except that any term of suspension imposed shall be as follows:

First offense -- a term of suspension not to exceed 25 days, unless it shall be determined that the aggravating factors present substantially outweigh the mitigating circumstances present, in which case a longer term of suspension may be imposed consistent with the rules and regulations of the Commission;


Second offense -- a term of suspension not to exceed 65 days, unless it shall be determined that the aggravating factors present substantially outweigh the mitigating circumstances present, in which case a longer term of suspension may be imposed consistent with the rules and regulations of the Commission;

Third and subsequent offenses -- a term of suspension consistent with the rules and regulations of the Commission.

In addition, human urine samples will be obtained from the trainer, groom and other people who were in contact with the horse on race day as appropriate.



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