



AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

Definition of Possession

Summary:

Racing Australia believes that a definition of possession needs to be added to AR.1 to include an object/article found in a place under the control and supervision of the licensee.

Consequently a change has been made to AR.177B(5) so that it refers to possession instead of defining possession as is currently the case.

1. Add a new definition to AR.1 as follows:

“**Possession**” for the purposes of the Rules means:

- (a) an article or thing is in the custody of a person;
- (b) the person has and exercises access to the article or thing; or
- (c) the article or thing is found at any time on premises used in any manner in relation to the training or racing of horses and the person occupies or has the care, control or management of those premises or owns, trains or is in charge of horses at those premises,

provided that sub-paragraph (c) does not apply if the person proves that he did not know of the existence or the identity of the article or thing.”

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2. Delete AR.177B(5) and replace with the following:

“(5) Any person who has in his possession any substance or preparation that could give rise to an offence under this rule if administered to a horse at any time shall be guilty of an offence and may be penalised.”

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