



AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

Cobalt thresholds for plasma and urine

Summary:

Racing Australia has resolved to lower the cobalt threshold in urine from 200 micro grams per litre of urine ($\mu\text{g/L}$) to 100 $\mu\text{g/L}$ in line with all other major international jurisdictions.

In addition, Racing Australia will introduce a cobalt plasma threshold for the first time of 25 $\mu\text{g/L}$. Plasma sampling is a more effective detection of cobalt as plasma cobalt levels remain elevated longer than urine levels after high doses.

An Industry Notice advising trainers of the implications of the lower urine threshold and new plasma threshold is attached.

1. Amend AR.178C(1)(I) as follows:

“(I) Cobalt at a mass concentration of 100 micrograms per litre in urine or 25 micrograms per litre in plasma.”

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