



AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

AR.177C, AR.178, AR.178G & AR.200A – Elevated hydrocortisone levels from endogenous origin

Summary:

Racing Australia has noted that there continues to be instances where the threshold for hydrocortisone has been exceeded for endogenous reasons rather than administration of a prohibited substance. There are instances of this occurring, such as to warrant an exception in the Rules, similar to the exception that applies in respect of testosterone. Accordingly, AR.177C should be extended to include hydrocortisone.

Further, given that AR.178G essentially duplicates AR.177C, Racing Australia is of the view that AR.178G can be deleted, with some additional minor amendments to AR.177C, AR.178 and AR.200A.

1. Amend AR.177C as follows:

“**AR.177C.** In the case of the presence of:

- (1) testosterone (including both free testosterone and testosterone liberated from its conjugates) above a mass concentration of 20 micrograms per litre being detected in a urine sample taken from a gelding, or above a mass concentration of 55 micrograms per litre being detected in a urine sample taken from a filly or mare; or
- (2) hydrocortisone above a mass concentration of 1.0 milligrams per litre being detected in a urine sample taken from a horse,

prior to or following its running in any race, it is open to the Stewards to find that the provisions of AR.175(h)(ii), AR.177, AR.178 or AR.178H do not apply if, on the basis of the scientific and analytical evidence available to them, they are satisfied that the detected level in the sample was of endogenous origin or as a result of endogenous activity.”

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2. Amend AR.178 as follows:

“**AR.178.** Subject to AR.177C, when any horse that has been brought to a racecourse for the purpose of engaging in a race and a prohibited substance is detected in any sample taken from it prior to or following its running in any race, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of such horse at any relevant time may be penalised.”

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3. Delete AR.178G.

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4. Amend AR.200A as follows:

“**AR.200A.** As at the date on which AR.177C takes effect, all urine samples taken from horses prior to that date which have not been adjudicated upon by the Stewards shall be dealt with subject to those new Rules.”

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