



AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

AR 241 Prohibited substance in sample taken from horse at trial etc

Summary:

Under the current rule, detection of substances on Prohibited List A or B in horses participating in official trials, jump-outs and other tests only constitutes a prohibited substance offence where the event is “for the purpose of the horse obtaining a permit to start in a race (whether after suspension or otherwise)”.

In circumstances where official trials and their results are increasingly relied on by industry participants (including punters), Racing Australia is of the view that, to improve the integrity of official trials, substances on Prohibited List A and B should not be permitted at such events regardless of the purpose a horse is participating. AR 241 has been amended accordingly.

The amendment does not change the current rule with respect to horses participating in jump-outs or other tests (subrules (b) and (c)).

Amend AR 241 as follows:

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If a horse is brought to a racecourse or recognised training track to participate in:

- (a) an official trial;
- (b) a jump-out for the purpose of obtaining a permit to start in a race (whether after suspension or otherwise); or
- (c) any other test for the purpose of obtaining a permit to start in a race (whether after suspension or otherwise),

and a prohibited substance on Prohibited List A and/or Prohibited List B is detected in a sample taken from the horse prior to or following the relevant event, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of the horse at any relevant time breaches these Australian Rules.

Date of effect: 1 February 2021