

## AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

## Screening Limits for the purpose of AR 257 Dexamethasone

## **Summary**

Racing Australia (RA) is a member of the Asian Racing Federation (ARF). The ARF wrote to RA seeking RA's commitment to adopt a recently approved Asian Screening Limit (ASL) for Dexamethasone in plasma.

Dexamethasone is used in horses as an anti-inflammatory corticosteroid muscle relaxant.

The ARF approved the following ASL for controlling Dexamethasone (an anti-inflammatory corticosteroid) in plasma:

Dexamethasone: 0.02 ng/mL in plasma.

VAAG has endorsed the proposed ASL and COSC has unanimously supported this endorsement.

Racing Australia has adopted the Asian Screening Limit for Dexamethasone – 0.02 ng/mL in plasma for addition to Racing Australia's list of Screening Limits.

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