



MEDIA RELEASE

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Statement on Late FOD Amnesty

Racing Australia has noted the response to the enforcement of AR285, AR286 and AR287 and the marked improvement in the industries adherence to these rules. As such, after discussions with Industry Racing Australia has agreed to grant a one time amnesty on Late Foal Ownership Declarations for those foals born in the 2024 and 2025 seasons on the condition that the Foal Ownership Declaration is lodged by the Close of Business (5.30pm AEST) on 14 April 2026 (the deadline). This amnesty applies to all Late Foal Ownership Declarations received before the deadline for foals born in the 2024 or 2025 season regardless of whether an Appeal has been lodged or not noting that the stipulated late fees will still apply.

Foals that were born prior to the 2024 season or who do not have their FOD lodged by the deadline will be subject to the current Appeals process.

The Chairman of Racing Australia, Mr Rob Rorrison, said

“The lodgement of the Foal Ownership Declaration is an important part of our overall horse traceability responsibilities and it is important that Owners and Breeders adhere to the specific Australian Rules of Racing that cover this. Our message has been very clear as to how serious an issue this is for the industry and I am pleased to say that the behavioral changes we are now seeing have resulted in a reduction in the Late Foal Ownership Declarations of 90%.

We thank the participants for working with us to achieve this much improved result as we move toward 100% compliance.”

Rob Rorrison

**Chairman
Racing Australia**