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SACRAMENTO, CA – This is the California Horse Racing Board's regular update of all complaints and stewards' rulings involving Class 1, 2, and 3 medication violations and other significant matters.

In accordance with a stipulated agreement between the CHRB and trainer Rene Amescua, the stewards at Golden Gate Fields suspended Amescua for 30 days and fined him \$1,500 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (b) (d) pursuant to Rule 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis determined the urine sample collected from a horse in his care, Sorenstam, tested positive for hydroxy-carisoprodol and meprobamate. Hydroxy-carisoprodol and meprobamate are metabolites of carisoprodol. Carisoprodol is a centrally acting skeletal muscle relaxant and is classified by the DEA as a schedule IV drug. Meprobamate is a separate, metabolically active metabolite of carisoprodol with anxiolytic and sedative properties. Carisoprodol and meprobamate are Class 2 violations. Pursuant to the agreement, the stewards stayed 15 days of the suspension provided Amescua has no further Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during the terms of his one-year probation. Sorenstam finished first in the seventh race August 23, 2013, at Golden Gate Fields. The stewards subsequently disqualified Sorenstam and ordered the redistribution of the purse.

The stewards at Cal Expo suspended trainer Michael J. Jarvis for 15 days and fined him \$1,500 after the CHRB adopted the stewards' proposed decision during executive session February 21 and remanded the case back to the stewards to issue the ruling. The stewards earlier conducted a hearing on a complaint alleging violation of CHRB Rule 1843.6 pursuant to Rule 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the blood sample collected from a horse in Jarvis' care, Gliding Boheme, exceeded the regulatory threshold of 37.0mmol/l for total carbon dioxide (TCO₂). This is a Class 3 violation. Gliding Boheme finished fourth in the fifth race at Cal Expo on November 2, 2013. The stewards subsequently disqualified Gliding Boheme and ordered the redistribution of the purse.

The stewards at Golden Gate Fields suspended trainer Adolfo Ortiz for 30 days and fined him \$1,500 after the CHRB adopted the stewards' proposed decision during executive session February 21 and remanded the case back to the stewards to issue the ruling. The stewards earlier conducted a hearing on a complaint alleging violation CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (b) (d) pursuant to Rule 1887 after

the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis determined the sample collected from a horse in Ortiz' care, A Shot of Fury DH, contained 16-hydroxystanozolol, a metabolite of stanozolol. This is a Class 3 violation. A Shot of Fury DH finished first in the third race at the Big Fresno Fair on October 12, 2013. The stewards subsequently disqualified A Shot of Fury DH and ordered the redistribution of the purse.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Gerardo Amezcua alleging violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (b) (d) pursuant to Rule 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis determined the sample collected from a horse in his care, Vibrant, contained zilpaterol, which is a beta-2 agonist used in livestock production to promote lean muscle growth. This is a Class 3 violation. Vibrant finished first in the sixth race at Los Alamitos on January 5, 2014. The stewards subsequently disqualified Vibrant and ordered the distribution of the purse. A hearing is pending for the trainer.

The CHRB filed a complaint against owner Jose Olivas alleging violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (b) (d) after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis determined the sample collected from a horse owned by Olivas, TR Specialty, contained cetirizine, a Class 4 prohibited substance with a Category B penalty, and Hydroxyzine, a Class 2 violation. Hydroxyzine is an anti-histamine with sedative/tranquilizer activity and is a Class 2 drug. Cetirizine is also an anti-histamine and a major metabolite of hydroxyzine. Cetirizine does not have the sedative/tranquilizer effects of hydroxyzine and is a Class 4 drug. TR Specialty finished first in the second race at Los Alamitos on December 1, 2013. The stewards subsequently disqualified TR Specialty and ordered the distribution of the purse. A hearing for owner Olivas was held in conjunction with a related complaint against trainer Guillermo Morales on February 14, 2014. A decision is pending.

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