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**ENFORCEMENT UPDATE 5-20-14**

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.

The stewards at Los Alamitos issued a ruling suspending trainer Gerardo Amezcua for 30 days and fining him \$1,500 after the CHRB modified and adopted the stewards’ proposed decision during executive session April 25 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 Rules 1843 (a), (b), and (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. The stewards issued a ruling April 12 suspending Amezcua for 60 days and fining him \$3,000. In considering this matter April 25, the Board reduced the suspension to 30 days and reduced the fine to \$1,500. 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.

The CHRB filed a complaint against owner Jose Camacho alleging violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a), (b), and (d) and 1843.3 (d) and filed a separate complaint against trainer Roberto Dominguez alleging violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a), (b), and (d) pursuant to Rule 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis determined the sample collected from a horse owned by Camacho and trained by Dominguez, Weather Woman, contained clenbuterol. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator. This is a Class 3 violation. Weather Woman finished second in the fourth race at Los Alamitos on March 28, 2014. Both cases are pending before a hearing officer.

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