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## ENFORCEMENT UPDATE 7-31-14

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 one ruling suspending owner Jose Camacho for 30 days and fining him \$2,000 and issued a separate ruling suspending trainer Roberto Dominguez for 30 days with a \$500 fine after the CHRB adopted a hearing officer’s proposed decisions during executive session July 18 and remanded the cases to the stewards to issue the rulings. The hearing officer earlier conducted hearings on complaints 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. The stewards stayed the 30-day suspension for Dominguez provided the trainer has no violations for any substance prohibited under Rule 1843 for the term of his three-year probation. Weather Woman finished second in the fourth race at Los Alamitos on March 28, 2014. The stewards earlier issued a ruling disqualifying Weather Woman from that race and ordering the redistribution of the purse.

The stewards at Los Alamitos issued a ruling suspending trainer Jesse Godinez for 60 days and fining him \$10,000s after the CHRB adopted a hearing officer’s proposed decision during executive session July 18 and remanded the case to the stewards to issue the ruling. A hearing officer 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 Godinez’ care, Paint Me Chrome, contained ractopamine. Ractopamine is used as a feed additive for increased weight-gain in livestock but is not approved for use in horses. This is a Class 3 violation. Paint Me Chrome finished first in the fifth race at Los Alamitos on March 8, 2014. The stewards earlier issued a ruling disqualifying Paint Me Chrome from that race and ordering the redistribution of the purse.

The stewards at Los Alamitos issued a ruling suspending owner Jose Olivas for 30 days and fining him \$1,000 after the CHRB decided the case in executive session 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) (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. In their most recent ruling, the stewards ordered that TR Specialty must pass a Board-approved examination and be negative for prohibited substances before becoming eligible to be entered in a race.

The stewards at Santa Rosa issued two rulings suspending trainer Elmer January and owner Saul Acosta for 30 days and fining them \$5,000 each after the CHRB decided those cases during executive session July 18 and remanded the cases to the Santa Rosa stewards to issue the rulings. The Golden Gate stewards earlier conducted hearings on complaints 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 Acosta and trained by January, Knight Ought, contained procaine above the authorized threshold level. Procaine is a local anesthetic (Novacain) found in the antibiotic procaine penicillin G, an antimicrobial commonly used in equine veterinary medicine. Knight Ought finished fifth in the third race at the Fresno County Fair on October 12, 2013. The stewards earlier issued a ruling disqualifying Knight Ought from that race and ordering the redistribution of the purse.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Angela Aquino 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 her care, Gracies Girl, contained clenbuterol. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator. This is a Class 3 violation. Gracies Girl finished first in the second race at Los Alamitos on June 15, 2014. A hearing is pending.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Herbert Ho 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, Foresee, contained clenbuterol. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator. This is a Class 3 violation. Foresee finished second in the second race at Los Alamitos on June 15, 2014. A hearing is pending.

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