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## ENFORCEMENT UPDATE 9-5-14

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 Jose Flores for 60 days and fining him \$3,000 after the CHRB adopted the stewards’ proposed decision during executive session August 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 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 Flores’ care, Glitter in My Face, contained clenbuterol. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator. This is a Class 3 violation. The stewards stayed 15 days of the suspension provided Flores commits no further Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during the term of his one-year probation. Glitter in My Face finished first in the seventh race at Los Alamitos on March 15, 2014. The stewards previously issued a ruling disqualifying Glitter in My Face and ordering the redistribution of the purse.

The stewards at Los Alamitos issued a ruling suspending trainer Angela Aquino for 60 days and fining her \$3,000 after the CHRB adopted the stewards’ proposed decision during executive session August 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 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 Aquino’s care, Gracies Girl, contained clenbuterol. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator. This is a Class 3 violation. The stewards stayed 15 days of the suspension provided Aquino commits no further Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during the term of her one-year probation. Gracies Girl finished first in the second race at Los Alamitos on June 15, 2014. The stewards previously issued a ruling disqualifying Gracies Girl and ordering the redistribution of the purse.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer William James Nolan alleging violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a), (b), and (d), 1890 (a) (b) and 1902 pursuant to Rule 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis determined the sample collected from a horse in his care, Lucy Wiggles, contained pseudoephedrine, norpseudoephedrine, a metabolite of pseudoephedrine, and o-desmethylpyrilamine, a metabolite of pyrilamine. Pseudoephedrine is a decongestant and pyrilamine is an antihistamine.

These drugs can be found together in over-the-counter preparations for both horses and humans. These are Class 3 violations with Category B penalties. Furthermore, during a subsequent barn inspection on this matter, Nolan was found to be in possession of several open medications. Hypodermic needles and syringes also were found inside his vehicle. Lucy Wiggles finished first in the third race at Golden Gate Fields on May 8, 2014. Hearings for Nolan and the disqualification of Lucy Wiggles are pending.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Roger Stein 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, Luckbox Sam, contained norpseudoephedrine, a metabolite of pseudoephedrine, and o-desmethylpyrilamine, a metabolite of pyrilamine. Pseudoephedrine is a decongestant and pyrilamine is an antihistamine. These drugs can be found together in over-the-counter preparations for both horses and humans. These are Class 3 violations with Category B penalties. Luckbox Sam finished second in the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on May 1, 2014. The stewards issued a ruling disqualifying Luckbox Sam and ordering the redistribution of the purse. The stewards conducted a hearing on the complaint against Stein and the decision is pending.

The stewards at Del Mar issued a ruling suspending trainer Michael Pender for 21 days and fining him \$5,000 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d) after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis determined the sample collected from a horse in his care, Takeit Tothe Limit, contained methocarbamol. Methocarbamol is a skeletal muscle relaxant commonly used in horses. This is a Class 4 violation. This is Pender's fifth Class 4 medication violation within one year. Furthermore, the stewards recommended that should any of Pender's runners or workers violate a medication positive rule contained in CHRB Rules 1843, 1844, or 1866 within 365 days of August 31, 2014, his license be suspended for a period of not less than six months. Takeit Tothe Limit finished sixth in the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on June 15, 2014.

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