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Update on clenbuterol regulations:

1. Effective 1/1/2018 CHRB 1844 (e)(6) was amended so that no level of clenbuterol is authorized for any horse participating in a quarter horse race.

If a horse runs in a quarter horse race, that horse, regardless of breed, runs under the quarter horse regulations where there is no authorized level of clenbuterol.

The specific clenbuterol provision in 1844 is attached.

2. Quarter horse owners, trainers and veterinarians should be familiar with CHRB1866.1 relative to clenbuterol use, prescriptions, and test findings in quarter horses.

CHRB 1866.1 Presence of Clenbuterol in Quarter Horses is also attached.

1844. Authorized Medication.

Consistent with the intent of these rules, drug substances and medications authorized by the Board for use may be administered to safeguard the health of the horse entered to race provided that:

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(e) Official urine test samples may contain one of the following drug substances, their metabolites and analogs, in an amount that does not exceed the specified levels:

(1) Acepromazine; 10 nanograms per milliliter

(2) Mepivacaine; 10 nanograms per milliliter

(3) Albuterol; 1 nanograms per milliliter

(4) Procaine; 25 nanograms per milliliter

(5) Salicylates; 750 micrograms per milliliter

(6) Clenbuterol; 140 picograms per milliliter, except for any horse participating in a quarter horse race for which no level of clenbuterol is authorized.

(7) Detomidine; 2 nanograms per milliliter

(8) Nandrolone; 1 nanograms per milliliter for geldings, fillies and mares; 45 nanograms for males other than geldings.

(9) Boldenone; 15 nanograms per milliliter in males other than geldings.

(10) Testosterone; 20 nanograms per milliliter in geldings.

(A) Testosterone at any level in males other than geldings is not a violation of this regulation.

(11) Testosterone; 55 nanograms per milliliter in fillies or mares (unless in foal)

(12) Butorphanol 300 nanograms per milliliter

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NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 19440 and 19562, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 19580 and 19581, Business and Professions Code.

HISTORY:

16. Amendment filed 11-16-17; effective 1-1-18.

1866.1 Presence of Clenbuterol in Quarter Horses.

(a) A quarter horse prescribed clenbuterol will be placed on the Veterinarian's List for veterinary treatment until an official test sample shows that there is no clenbuterol in the blood or urine of the horse after a workout to demonstrate its physical fitness, pursuant to Rule 1866. Quarter horses on the Veterinarian's List for clenbuterol administration will not be allowed to start in a race until the horse is removed from the Veterinarian's List.

(1) Clenbuterol shall only be prescribed to an individual quarter horse for a specific diagnosis to last for a period of not more than 30 days for each prescription. The quarter horse's name, the specific diagnosis, dosage and duration of treatment most recent date-of clenbuterol administration must be reported by the prescribing veterinarian to the Official Veterinarian on form CHRB-24 (Rev. 7/15) (Veterinarian Report), which is hereby incorporated by reference.

(2) Clenbuterol prescribed to an individual quarter horse for a specific diagnosis shall not last for more than 30 days for any prescription. Dispensed clenbuterol prescriptions must be labeled in compliance with Rule 1864, Labeling of Medication, and all other laws, including California Veterinary Medical Board regulations.

(3) Administration of clenbuterol to a quarter horse must be reported by the trainer of the horse to the Official Veterinarian on form CHRB-60 (Rev. 7/15) (Trainer Medication Report), which is here by incorporated by reference.

(b) A quarter horse that, pursuant to Rules 1858 or 1859, is reported to have clenbuterol detected in blood, urine, or any other official test sample by the CHRB official laboratory will be placed on the Veterinarian's List until an investigation has been conducted to determine the circumstances of the presence of clenbuterol in the official test sample, and until a subsequent official test sample fails to detect clenbuterol in the blood or urine of the horse after a workout to demonstrate its physical fitness, pursuant to Rule 1866.

(c) A quarter horse shall not be removed from the Veterinarian's List and allowed to start in a race until an official test sample fails to detect clenbuterol in the blood or urine of the horse after a workout to demonstrate its physical fitness pursuant to Rule 1866.

Note: Authority Cited: Sections 19440, 19562, and 19580, Business and Professions Code.
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HISTORY:

1. New rule filed 7-31-15, as an emergency; effective through 1-28-16.
2. Amendment filed 7-19-16; effective 7-19-16.