

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

# Memorandum

**Date** : February 28, 2014

**To** : Official Veterinarians  
Racing Officials  
Horsemen and Veterinarians

**From** : Rick M. Arthur, DVM, Equine Medical Director

**Subject: INSTRUCTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE 1855, MEDICATION PROCEDURES AND RELATED INSTRUCTIONS**

- Quarter horses prescribed clenbuterol will be placed on the Veterinarian's List for veterinary treatment until the horse tests clear of clenbuterol in both blood and urine after a workout to demonstrate its physical fitness. Quarter horses on the Veterinarian's List for clenbuterol administration will not be allowed to enter until the horse is removed from the Veterinarian's List. Reference: Rule 1866, Veterinarian's List.
- Veterinarians prescribing clenbuterol must include the diagnosis for the basis of prescribing clenbuterol, the dosage and estimated last dose date. Clenbuterol may only be prescribed to a specific individual horse for a specific diagnosis and for a specific period of time. The horse, diagnosis, dosage and estimated last administration date must be reported to the CHRB Official Veterinarian on form CHRB-24 (Veterinarian Report). Reference: Rule 1842, Veterinarian Report; 1843(c), Medication, Drugs and Other Substances; Rule 1843.3(g), Penalties for Medication Violations.
- Prescribing veterinarians must include the name of the specific horse, the specific dosage and duration of treatment on the label of any clenbuterol dispensed to quarter horses within the CHRB enclosure to be in compliance with CHRB 1864, Labeling of Medication. Reference: Rule 1842, Veterinarian Report and Rule 1864, Labeling of Medication.

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- Administration of clenbuterol to quarter horses must be reported by trainers on CHR-60 (Trainer Medication Report) to the CHRB official veterinarian. Trainers are advised administering clenbuterol to a horse not prescribed the medication is contrary to 1843(c) and does not meet the criteria of 1843.3(g) if a violation occurs. Any quarter horse administered clenbuterol will be placed on the Veterinarian's List until the horse tests clear of clenbuterol in both blood and urine after a workout to demonstrate its physical fitness. Quarter horses on the Veterinarian's List for clenbuterol administration will not be allowed to enter until the horse is removed from the Veterinarian's List. Reference: 1843, Medication, Drugs and Other Substances; Rule 1843.3, Penalties for Medication Violations; 1887, Trainer to Ensure Condition of Horse; Rule 1894, Duties of Trainer.
- Any quarter horse found to have clenbuterol in either blood or urine in out-of-competition testing that has not been properly reported to the CHRB official veterinarian will be placed on the Veterinarian's List until an investigation has been conducted to determine the circumstances and the horse tests clear of clenbuterol in both blood and urine after a workout to demonstrate its physical fitness. Quarter horses on the Veterinarian's List for an unreported clenbuterol finding will not be allowed to enter until the horse is removed from the Veterinarian's List. Reference: Rule 1866, Veterinarian's List; Rule 1588, Horse Ineligible to Start in a Race.
- Scheduling for workouts and clenbuterol testing for removal of quarter horses from the Veterinarian's List must be made with the CHRB official veterinarian at least 5-7 days in advance and will be subject to personnel and receiving barn space availability. The horse will not be removed from the Veterinarian's List and allowed to enter until the laboratory reports the tests have cleared. Reference: Rule 1866, Veterinarian's List.