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**ORDER OF THE RACING COMMISSIONER AUTHORIZING
THE CONTROLLED ADMINISTRATION OF FUROSEMIDE/SALIX®
FOR HORSES LICENSED TO RACE IN MICHIGAN**

Whereas, the Racing Commissioner having received numerous requests from owners, trainers and horsemen to review the Commission's rules on the administration of furosemide/Salix® to Michigan horses in light of changing North American industry practices and trends; and,

Whereas, the Racing Commissioner having consulted with certified horseman's organizations, Commission veterinarians, industry equine practitioners, and other industry stakeholders; and,

Whereas, the Racing Commissioner having noted a broad consensus among equine veterinary practitioners that virtually every horse that is subjected to the physical exertion of a horserace will experience at least some pulmonary bleeding, and that the controlled administration of furosemide/Salix® has a therapeutic effect in controlling that bleeding; and,

Whereas, the Racing Commissioner has determined that a number of North American racing jurisdictions which allow horses to race on furosemide/Salix® no longer provide for "bleeder certification" within the meaning of Michigan Racing Commission Rules, effectively making those horses ineligible to race on furosemide/Salix® in Michigan; and,

Whereas, the Racing Commissioner has also determined that allowing a horse that has consistently run on furosemide/Salix® in another jurisdiction to run without furosemide/Salix® solely for purposes of facilitating eligibility to race in Michigan represents a danger to the horse; and,

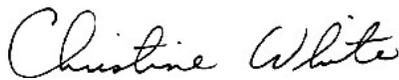
Whereas, the Racing Commissioner has concluded after consideration of all the facts, that it is in the best interest of racing to approve the controlled administration of furosemide/Salix® for any horse racing at a licensed Michigan racetrack, upon the request of the licensed trainer and with the written approval of a licensed veterinarian, subject to the requirements provided hereafter.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED pursuant to Section 30(3) of the Horse Racing Law of 1995, as amended, MCL 431.330(3), as follows:

1. Any licensed trainer, with the written approval of a licensed veterinarian, may request the controlled administration of furosemide/Salix® to any thoroughbred or mixed breed horse which is at least two years old and any standardbred which is at least three years old, that is entered to race at any licensed Michigan racetrack, whether or not the horse is “certified” to have bled previously. The request shall be made before the time of entry and shall be accompanied by the written approval of a licensed veterinarian, which shall be provided to and approved by the Commission veterinarian.
2. If a horse has been determined to have been a “bleeder” in another racing jurisdiction, or has previously been allowed to race while on furosemide/Salix®, as indicated by publication in official charts or past performance lines, the horse is eligible for the controlled administration of furosemide/Salix® prior to racing in Michigan.
3. The Commission veterinarian shall maintain a current Furosemide List of horses that are eligible to receive furosemide/Salix®.
4. A horse placed on the official Furosemide List must remain on that list unless the licensed trainer and a licensed veterinarian submit a written request to remove the horse from the list and that request is approved by the Commission veterinarian.
5. Horses approved to receive furosemide/Salix® must be identified as such on the entry form at the time of entry. Horses entered to race with furosemide/Salix® will be designated on the overnight and the daily racing program with an “L” (denoting the traditional name Lasix). If the race is the first race the horse is to run in on furosemide/ Salix®, it shall be designated in the daily racing program with a “L1”. If the race is the first race the horse runs without furosemide/Salix® after running one or more races with furosemide/Salix® it shall be designated in the program by “LX”.
6. Furosemide/Salix® administration will continue to be conducted at the dosages, within the timeframes and under the other provisions contained in the Michigan Racing Commission General Rules, Section R 431.1301. That section of rules is currently in the process of revision and will incorporate the provisions of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

07-24-07
Dated


Christine White
Racing Commissioner