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notice

Date: August 28, 2008
To: Michigan Horsemen
From: Christine C. White, Racing Commissioner
Subject: Reclassification of Drugs

The Office of Racing Commissioner (ORC) is responsible for protecting the integrity of horse racing in Michigan, guarding the health of the horses, and safeguarding the interest of the public and the racing participants through the prohibition and control of all drugs and foreign substances.

It has been our policy to follow the guidelines set forth by the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) with regards to drug classifications.

The ARCI Board of Directors recently adopted a set of drug reclassifications. As such, the Michigan Office of Racing Commissioner will now be using this new set of drug classifications.

Some of these include:

- *Levamisole* – moved to Class 2.
- *Ergoloid mesylates* – now Class 2 with other substances with effects on cognition
- *Ciclesonide* is now included in RCI Class 4 with other corticosteroids
- *Nebivolol* moved to Class 3 with other beta blocking drugs
- *Duloxetine* is now included in Class 2 with other serotonin reuptake inhibitor

The RCI Board also modified existing classifications from Class 4 to Class 3 as follows:

- *Propantheline*
- *Methantheline*
- *Mepenzolate*
- *Clidinium*
- *Dromostanolone*
- *Dorethandrolone*
- *Methandrostenolone*

For a complete list of reclassifications go to www.michigan.gov/horseracing.