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**ORDER REQUIRING VACCINATION FOR EQUINE HERPES (EHV)
OF ALL HORSES RACING OR STABLED AT ANY
LICENSED RACETRACK IN MICHIGAN**

Whereas, The Racing Commissioner having determined and concluded, after thorough investigation, that the spread of Equine Herpes Virus (EHV) among racehorses in Michigan has the potential to negatively impact the pari-mutuel horse racing industry, unless appropriate measures are approved for the care and treatment of active racehorses; and,

Whereas, The Racing Commissioner has conducted an investigation and consulted with State Veterinarian Dr. Steven Halstead, racetrack management and horsemen regarding the up-coming high risk season associated with EHV; and,

Whereas, The Michigan Department of Agriculture is obligated to take certain quarantine measures under the suspicion of or in the event of an outbreak of EHV and participants that are found to be in violation of EHV requirements are subject to administrative fines; and,

Whereas, The Racing Commissioner has determined and concluded, after consideration of all relevant facts and circumstances, that it is necessary and proper to require mandatory vaccinations for EHV of all horses racing or stabled on the grounds of any licensed pari-mutuel racetrack in order to safeguard the health and welfare of the horse racing industry in the State of Michigan; and,

Whereas, The Racing Commissioner has concluded that requiring proof of a vaccination prior to entering a horse to race with the race secretary will reduce congestion at the security gates of licensed pari-mutuel facilities: now therefore,

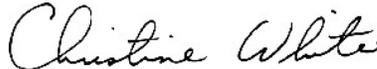
IT IS ORDERED pursuant to Section 30(3) of the Horse Racing Law of 1995, as amended, MCL 431.330(3), as follows:

1. **Effective November 15, 2006, PRIOR TO ENTERING A HORSE TO RACE WITH THE RACE SECRETARY** at one of the state's pari-mutuel racetracks, all persons are required to provide proof of vaccination from a licensed veterinarian indicating that the horse has been vaccinated for EHV within the past six (6) months. Proof must be provided to an Office of Racing Commissioner veterinarian.
2. All horses stabled on the grounds of a licensed racetrack must have proof of vaccination from a licensed veterinarian within the past six (6) months.

3. The Commissioner's veterinarian shall keep and maintain a list of all horses vaccinated for EHV pursuant to this Order; and shall note on each horse's electronic papers, filed with the United States Trotting Association, the date of vaccination.
4. All movement of horses in the restricted area of the racetrack is subject to the monitoring of racetrack officials and the Commissioner's veterinarian which includes assigning each horse to a specific stall upon entry to the racetrack. This assignment is to be documented and forwarded to the ORC Stewards on a daily basis.
7. Racetrack employees and horsemen are urged to adhere to the following precautionary measures;
 - a. Do not share bits, buckets or other equipment without first disinfecting these items.
 - b. Clean and disinfect all equipment on a regular basis using a mixture of one (1) part bleach to ten (10) parts water.
 - c. Clean and disinfect cross ties using the above solution prior to another horse using them.
 - d. Observe horses daily for signs of infection including checking their temperature.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 29, 2006


Christine White
Racing Commissioner