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GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
**MICHIGAN GAMING CONTROL BOARD**  
DETROIT

**RICHARD S. KALM**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In the matter of:

Northville Downs  
Preventing Horses to Enter  
On March 30 & 31, 2018

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**ORDER PREVENTING THE ENTERING OF HORSES FROM PERFECTA FARM  
AT NORTHVILLE DOWNS FOR MARCH 30 & 31, 2018, RACE DATES  
FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY REASONS**

The Executive Director has the powers necessary and proper to implement and enforce the Act and to regulate and maintain jurisdiction over the conduct of each licensed race meeting. MCL 431.303. Pursuant to this necessary and proper clause, horses stabled at Perfecta Farms, 8304 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth, Michigan, are not to be entered to race or permitted on the grounds of Northville Downs for the following reasons:

- On March 26, 2018, the result of the PCR test for Equine Herpes Virus came back positive for a horse that was stabled at Perfecta Farms;
- The Michigan Department of Agriculture quarantined 1 of 3 barns at the farm for Equine Herpes;
- It would be in the best interest of horses racing to restrict movement of the horses on the farm for, at least, Tuesday, March 27, 2018, through Sunday, April 1, 2018;
- The infected horse became ill on March 24, 2018;
- The incubation period of the virus is 2-10 days;
- There are multiple ways the virus can be spread: Horse to horse contact, between stalls, over paddock fences, and airborne;
- The virus can live on clothing, footwear, walls, buckets, tack, etc. for a period of up to 7 days;
- Michigan licensed veterinarians are concerned that all the horses on this farm have been exposed by using the same general areas; and
- Since the incubation period for the disease is at least 1 week, if these horses are allowed to race they could infect other horses from other regions of the state.

For the above health and safety reasons, the Executive Director orders that the horses from Perfecta Farms are not to be entered, raced, or on the grounds of facilities licensed by the State of Michigan under the Horse Racing Law of 1995 until April 1, 2018

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 27, 2018

/s/  
Richard S. Kalm, Executive Director  
Michigan Gaming Control Board