

## NOTICE

### PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE STATE HORSE RACING COMMISSION

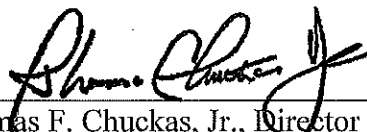
#### **Administrative Policy SHRC 2021-1 Banning Lasix in Two-year Old Thoroughbred Horses and Graded Thoroughbred Stakes Races**

The State Horse Racing Commission ("Commission"), in accordance with § 9312 (6) of the Race Horse Industry Reform Act (3 Pa. C. S. § 9312 (6)) and 7 Pa. Code § 401.4 (a) of the Commission's regulations, is authorized to adopt national standards relating to prohibited substances, uniform drug threshold levels or penalties and to regulate substances of therapeutic value, including the use of Furosemide ("Lasix") in race horses.

The Commission recognizes that Lasix is helpful in the management of Exercise Induced Pulmonary Hemorrhage (EIPH). In overseeing the race-day use of Lasix, the Commission has placed strict regulatory controls on the dose, route and time the medication is administered. These measures are designed to provide a complete regulation of Lasix and to prevent the misuse of the drug, including, where appropriate, the reasonable restriction on the use of Lasix.

The Commission hereby provides notice that it intends to follow the national racing standard by expressly banning the use of Lasix in 2-year-old thoroughbred horses racing in Pennsylvania thoroughbred racetracks and banning the use of Lasix in Graded Stakes Races conducted in Pennsylvania effective April 1, 2021.

The Commission's specific administrative policy has been posted and published on the Commission's website at:  
<http://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Animals/RacingCommission/commission/Pages/Publications.aspx>.



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