



INQUIRY INTO THE ANALYSTS FINDING OF TRENDIONE, TRENBOLONE AND EPITRENBOLONE IN THE POST-RACE URINE SAMPLE TAKEN FROM CAB PERRIO AFTER WINNING AT TUMUT ON 2 NOVEMBER 2024.

Racing NSW Offices
Via Video Conference

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Stewards: **T Moxon (Chair)**
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Racing NSW Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the analysts finding of trendione, trenbolone and epitrenbolone being detected in a urine sample taken from Cab Perrio after winning the Maiden Plate 1200m at the Tumut race meeting on 2 November 2024.

Evidence today was taken from Ms Michelle Teale, the trainer of Cab Perrio, Racing NSW Chief Veterinary Officer Dr Carly Garling and ARFL General Manager Mr John Keledjian.

Background

The evidence established the following.

1. In June 2018 Racing NSW provided notification to the racing industry in respect of the detection of trace levels of the anabolic steroid trendione and/or trenbolone in certain batches of veterinary prescription animal remedies containing the progestogen altrenogest, used to control the cyclical activity of fillies and mares. Racing NSW advised that, until further notice, trainers in NSW should not administer injectable products containing altrenogest at any time. Further, trainers were advised they should not use oral altrenogest containing products within one clear day of racing and that these registered products must be used in accordance with the relevant manufacturer's guidelines.
2. During an unannounced stable inspection conducted by Racing NSW Stewards on 23 January 2025, it was found that Cab Perrio was being administered 5ml of ovu-mate (containing altrenogest) orally on a daily basis. *Ovu-mate* is a registered product specifically manufactured for use in horses. The administration of this registered product was in accordance with notification issued by Racing NSW.
3. Stewards were unable to conclusively determine the reasons for the prohibited substances being detected but having regard to the evidence were satisfied that such finding was not due to the administration of an anabolic steroid and was most likely due to the ingestion of an altrenogest containing substance.

Charges

Stewards gave careful consideration to which of the prohibited substance Rules of Racing should be applied and considered that, given the circumstances of the matter and having regard to the veterinary and scientific evidence, AR240(2) was the Rule of Racing that most appropriately reflected the relevant conduct.

Charge 1

AR240(2) – Presenting a horse to race with a prohibited substance detected

The details of the charge being that Ms Teale did present Cab Perrio to race in the Maiden Plate 1200m at Tumut on 2 November 2024 and a post-race urine sample taken from Cab Perrio was found to contain the prohibited substances trendione, trenbolone and epitrenbolone.

Plea: Guilty

Charge 2

AR104(1) – Trainers must keep treatment records

The details of the charge being that during a stable inspection conducted on 23 January 2025 it was identified that Ms Teale has failed to keep proper treatment records of the administration of the Medication Ovu-mate to the horse Cab Perrio, by midnight of the day on which the administration was given for the relevant period prior to it racing at Tumut on 2 November 2024

Plea: Guilty

Penalty

Stewards considered the following matters in respect to penalty.

1. Notifications issued by Racing NSW in respect of the use of altrenogest products.
2. The nature of the substances detected, being listed on prohibited substance List A.
3. Guilty plea
4. Personal and professional circumstances.
5. Disciplinary record.
6. Principles applied by Stewards when issuing penalties.
7. Precedent penalties.

Stewards determined the starting point for the offence under AR240(2) was a fine of \$10,000. Having regard to the circumstances of this case as well as the mitigating factors detailed above, including a guilty plea, Stewards determined the appropriate penalty was a \$7,500 fine.

In regards to the charge under AR104(1) Stewards determined the starting point to be a fine of \$1,000. Having regard to Ms Teale's guilty plea and other consideration a fine of \$750 was imposed.

Cab Perrio

Stewards, acting under the powers of AR240(1), disqualified Cab Perrio from its first placing in Race 2 at Tumut on 2 November 2024 and amended the placings as follows:

- 1st Alpine Rose
- 2nd Teneca Rose
- 3rd Supido Storm
- 4th Be Diplomatic
- 5th Shipshewana

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Stewards deferred their consideration regarding the eligibility of Cab Perrio under the terms of AR248(4) to provide the owner of the mare the opportunity to make submissions as to why the Stewards should not invoke the provisions of that Rule of Racing.

Relevant Rules

AR 104 Trainers must keep treatment records

- (1) *A trainer must record any medication or treatment administered to any horse in the trainer's care by midnight on the day on which the administration was given.*

AR 240 Prohibited substance in sample taken from horse at race meeting.

- (1) *Subject to subrule (3), if a horse is brought to a racecourse and a prohibited substance on Prohibited List A and/or Prohibited List B is detected in a sample taken from the horse prior to or following its running in any race, the horse must be disqualified from any race in which it started on that day.*
- (2) *Subject to subrule (3), if a horse is brought to a racecourse for the purpose of participating in a race and a prohibited substance on Prohibited List A and/or Prohibited List B is detected in a sample taken from the horse prior to or following its running in any race, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of the horse at any relevant time breaches these Australian Rules.*

AR 248 Administration of anabolic androgenic steroids and selective androgen receptor modulators

- (4) *If a sample taken at any time from a horse has detected in it an anabolic androgenic steroid and/or a selective androgen receptor modulator, the horse is not permitted to start in any race, official trial or jump-out:*
 - (a) *for a period of not less than 12 months from the date of collection of the sample;*
and
 - (b) *until after an Anabolic Androgenic Steroid Clearing Certificate and/or a Selective Androgen Receptor Modulator Clearing Certificate, as the case may be, is provided in respect of a sample taken from the horse on a date directed by a PRA or the Stewards.*

T Moxon

Deputy Chairman of Stewards