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To: Horsemen, OHBPA, OHHA, Standardbred Judges, Thoroughbred Stewards, Racetrack General Managers, Track Veterinarians and State Veterinarians, Practicing Veterinarians

From: William Crawford, Executive Director

Subject: Cobalt Violations & Recommended Penalties

Effective April 15, 2016, cobalt concentrations of less than 25ppb of blood serum or plasma will have no penalty. For concentrations of 25ppb or greater but less than 50ppb of blood plasma or serum, the recommended penalty is a written warning and placement of the horse on the Veterinarians List with removal from this list only after a blood test confirms that the concentration is below 25ppb of blood plasma or serum.

Testing costs shall be paid by the owner(s) of the horse. Concentrations of 50ppb or greater in blood plasma or serum will have a recommended "B" penalty from the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) which is listed below and placement of the horse on the Veterinarians List with removal from this list only after a blood test confirms that the concentration is below 25ppb of blood plasma or serum.

The recommended penalties for a positive finding 50ppb (parts per billion) and greater are listed below.

1st Offense: **Minimum 15-day suspension, \$500 fine and loss of purse**

2nd Offense: **Minimum 30-day suspension, \$1,000 fine and loss of purse**

3rd Offense: **Minimum 60-day suspension, \$1,000 fine, loss of purse and referred to the commission**

Any concentration exceeding 250ppb will be referred to the commission for further action.

These offenses are for any Cobalt violation in any jurisdiction within any 365-day period.