



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL RACING INDUSTRY PARTICIPANTS

PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES – XENON AND ARGON GAS

Stewards bring to the attention of industry participants and provide warning that xenon and argon gas are prohibited substances in accordance with AR177B(2)(a) & (l) as they are categorised as both erythropoiesis-stimulating agents and also hypoxia inducible factor (HIF)-1 stabilisers. Please note the prohibition under AR177B applies to samples taken at any time from a horse being trained by a licensed person.

Methods of analysis for the detection of xenon & argon in blood and urine samples have been developed by an anti-doping laboratory and Thoroughbred Racing SA (TRSA) is committed to ensure that the practice of xenon & argon administration does not pose a threat to the integrity of thoroughbred racing.

Recently the Institute of Biochemistry, German Sport University, Cologne, Germany was included into AR1 as an Official Racing Laboratory and TRSA places participants on notice that samples found to contain these substances by Official Racing Laboratories shall be reported to TRSA Stewards in accordance with AR178D(2).

Participants are also advised that stored samples may, under the provisions of AR178DD(2), be re-submitted to be analysed for xenon & argon.

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