



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Virginia Racing Commission
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	11 VAC 10-180-10, 11 VAC 10-180-20, 11 VAC 10-180-60, 11 VAC 10-180-80
Regulation title	Medication
Action title	To amend Chapter 180
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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The major changes to these regulations include the prohibition of anabolic or androgenic steroids, or both, and other like substances, except for boldenone, stanozolol, nandrolone, and testosterone individually but not in combination (stacking or layering) and a clarification of when adjunct bleeder medications can be given on race day (no less than three hours before post time). These rule changes are consistent with the Model Rules of Racing published by the Association of Racing Commissioners International.

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

On May 15, 2007, the Virginia Racing Commission adopted the final amendments to 11 VAC 10-180-10 (Definitions), 11 VAC 10-180-20 (Generally), 11 VAC 10-180-60 (Medications and substances), and 11 VAC 10-180-80 (Permitted race day substances) at its regular monthly meeting.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

The amendments to these regulations will have no impact on the family or family stability.