



## Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	Virginia Racing Commission
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation</b>	11 VAC 10-180-10, 11 VAC 10-180-20, 11VAC10-180-25, 11VAC10-180-35, 11 VAC 10-180-60, 11VAC10-180-70, 11VAC10-180-75, 11 VAC 10-180-80, 11VAC10-180-85, 11VAC10-180-110
<b>Regulation title</b>	Medication
<b>Action title</b>	To amend regulations pertaining to medication in racehorses to conform to the Model Rules of Racing published by the Association of Racing Commissioners International
<b>Final agency action date</b>	March 19, 2008
<b>Document preparation date</b>	March 25, 2008

When a regulatory action is exempt from executive branch review pursuant to § 2.2-4002 or § 2.2-4006 of the Virginia Administrative Process Act (APA), the agency is encouraged to provide information to the public on the Regulatory Town Hall using this form.

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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 below certain threshold levels individually but not in combination. 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.*

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On March 19, 2008, the Virginia Racing Commission adopted the final amendments to 11 VAC 10-180-10 (Definitions), 11 VAC 10-180-20 (Generally), 11VAC 10-180-25 (Veterinary practices), 11VAC 10-180-35 (Prohibited practices), 11 VAC 10-180-60 (Medications and substances), 11VAC10-180-70 (Phenylbutazone, flunixin and other NSAIDs), 11VAC10-180-75 (Androgenic and anabolic steroids), 11 VAC 10-180-80 (Permitted race day substances), 11VAC10-180-85 (Bleeders), and 11VAC10-180-110 (Laboratory findings and reports) at its regular monthly meeting.

### Family impact

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

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