



Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	Virginia Racing Commission
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	11VAC10-180-60, 11VAC10-180-70, 11VAC10-180-75, and 11VAC10-180-110
Regulation title	Medication
Action title	To Amend Regulations Pertaining to the Penalties for Medication Violations
Final agency action date	February 16, 2012
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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 amendments to this chapter are being made in an effort to give the Stewards/Judges the ability to use mitigating as well as aggravating circumstances when issuing penalties to participants that violate the regulations for the medication of horses. The amendments also refer to a guidance document (The Association of Racing Commissioners International Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances) that may be used by the Stewards/Judges as a guideline in the penalty stage of the deliberations for rule violations.

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 February 16, 2012, the Virginia Racing Commission adopted the final amendments to 11VAC10-180-60 (Medications and prohibited substances), 11VAC10-180-70 (Phenylbutazone, flunixin and other NSAIDs), 11VAC10-180-75 (Androgenic and anabolic steroids), 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.

These amendments will not have an impact on the institution of the family or family stability.