



# State of Indiana Indiana Horse Racing Commission

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## IHRC Advisory Notice to Horsemen and IHRC Licensed Veterinarians

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### New Advisory on Prohibition of Use of Non-FDA Approved Medications

*UPDATED from March 22, 2024 Notice*

**\*\*APPLICABLE TO STANDARD BRED & QUARTER HORSE\*\***

The IHRC is issuing an advisory to remind horsemen and veterinarians that the use of Non-FDA approved medications is prohibited. It is important to note that many Non-FDA approved medications are not classified by the ARCI Drug Classification Guidelines and if one of these results in a positive test, it could be considered a Class 1/A penalty. **The IHRC advises horsemen to work with their practicing veterinarian to ensure all medications used are FDA approved for use in horses.**

#### Foreign Substances Prohibited

**71 IAC 8-1-2 and 71 IAC 8.5-1-2**

Sec. 2. (a) No horse participating in a race shall carry in its body any foreign substance except as provided by these rules. A finding by the chemist or commission designee that a foreign substance is present in the test sample shall be prima facie evidence that such foreign substance was administered and carried in the body of the horse while participating in a race. Such a finding shall also be taken as prima facie evidence that the trainer and his or her agents responsible for the care or custody of the horse have been negligent in the handling or care of the horse. The prohibition and allowance of foreign substances in this article shall apply to qualifying races.

(b) Upon the finding of a violation of this section, the owners or lessees of the horse from which the specimen was obtained shall forfeit any purse money and any trophy or award. However, forfeiture of any purse, trophy, or award for an overage of phenylbutazone, flunixin, ketoprofen, or furosemide in violation of these rules shall be consistent with Recommended Penalties of the Association of Racing Commissioners, International, as revised by the ARCI in 2014 and any other subsequent revision effective after said date, which are incorporated by reference herein, copies of which are available at the commission office.

#### Prohibited Practices

**71 IAC 8-6-2 and 71 IAC 8.5-5-2**

(c) The possession or use, or both, of a drug, substance, or medication on the premises of a facility under the jurisdiction of the commission that has not been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for any use (human or animal) is forbidden without prior permission of the commission. For purposes of this rule, the term "drug" means any substance, food or non-food, that is used to treat, cure, mitigate, or prevent a disease and any nonfood substance that is intended to affect the structure or function of the animal. The term includes any substance administered by injection other than vaccines licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).



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Many animal drugs and supplements are marketed without approval required by law. Unapproved animal drugs include drugs compounded by pharmacies or veterinarians, herbals, homeopathic products, and “animal supplements”. The FDA defines a drug as *“any substance, food or non-food, that is used to treat, cure, mitigate, or prevent a disease. A drug is also any non-food substance that is intended to affect the structure or function of the animal. Drugs must be shown to be safe and effective for intended use.”*

### **What does FDA approval mean?**

- The product is safe and effective for its intended use
- The methods, facilities and controls used for the manufacturing, processing and packaging of the drug are adequate to preserve its identity, strength, quality and purity

### **What do you get with FDA approval?**

- Target Animal Safety
- Effectiveness
- Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls
- Human Food Safety
- Environmental Impact
- Labeling (FDA generated label)

For questions, please contact Dr. Kerry Peterson, IHRC Equine Medical Director.  
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*\* This Advisory does not attempt to evaluate medications used in thoroughbred racehorses. Horsemen should consult the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) and/or the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU) for medication and anti-doping regulations involving thoroughbreds.*