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CHRB ADVISORY

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SACRAMENTO, CA – In response to recent news articles, the California Horse Racing Board wishes to make clear that no official complaints will be issued against any trainer, owner, or veterinarian in relation to any unofficial warnings for anabolic steroids prior to August 1, 2008.

The CHRB will proceed with complaints from August 1 forward in the same manner as all other drug violations. As of September 4, 2008, any anabolic steroid violation will require purse forfeiture and a minimum 30-day suspension and up to a \$10,000 fine. From August 1 through September 3, the penalty for an anabolic steroid violation is limited to an Official Warning, subject to aggravating or mitigating circumstances, provided no other CHRB regulation has been violated.

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