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BOARD REVOKES FARIAS' LICENSE FOR TWO YEARS

SACRAMENTO, CA – The California Horse Racing Board revoked trainer Adan Farias' license for two years and fined him \$25,000 after the Maddy Laboratory at U.C. Davis reported the urine samples collected from six horses in his care contained zilpaterol – a beta-2 agonist typically used in livestock production to promote lean muscle growth that has no legitimate purpose in horse racing. These were Class 1 violations involving Class A penalties.

Concerning a separate violation involving clenbuterol, the Board suspended Farias an additional six months along with a \$10,000 fine. Under the terms of a settlement agreement with Farias, the Board stayed this additional six month-suspension and \$10,000 fine provided that should Farias reapply for a license after two years and resume training, he would be on probation for one year, and any further Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during probation would trigger the stayed penalties.

The Board agreed to the settlement during a closed session meeting July 19. In the agreement, Farias agrees to all of the condition, most importantly the revocation of his license for two years and the probation for violating CHRB Rules 1843 and 1887.

These were Farias' first Class 1 violations. He previously had five Class 3 violations involving clenbuterol before the one referenced in the settlement, his sixth.

Six horses trained by Farias showed zilpaterol in the official urine samples and two of those horses showed zilpaterol in the blood sample as well. All eight samples – six urine and two blood – were confirmed at the University of Pennsylvania. All six horses were subsequently disqualified from their races and the purses redistributed. The horses and race details are:

- In a Separate Class, first in the fourth race at Los Alamitos on October 23, 2011.
- Azshecanfly, second in the second race at Los Alamitos on October 29, 2011.
- Illegal Smile, first in the eighth race at Los Alamitos on October 29, 2011.
- FDD Moon, third in the eighth race at Los Alamitos on October 29, 2011.
- T Gold J, first in the ninth race at Los Alamitos on October 29, 2011.
- Deep Creek Bobbie, first in the 12th race at Los Alamitos on October 29, 2011.

In the clenbuterol matter, the Maddy Laboratory reported the blood and urine samples collected May 15, 2011, from In a Separate Class contained clenbuterol in excess of the authorized decision levels. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. In a Separate Class finished first in the fourth race May 15 at Los Alamitos. He was disqualified from that race in a ruling last fall and the purse was redistributed.