

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN GAMING CONTROL BOARD
OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ORDER AUTHORIZING THE USE OF
CERTAIN ANTI-ULCER MEDICATIONS IN HORSES AFTER TIME OF ENTRY**

It has been determined and concluded after thorough investigation, that the occurrence of stomach ulcers among racehorses in Michigan is widely prevalent and threatens the health of the racing population; and,


Studies reveal that 80% - 90% of racehorses in training have gastric ulcers. Clinical signs including poor appetite or failure to consume a meal, dullness, attitude changes, decreased performance, reluctance to train, poor body condition, rough hair coat, weight loss, excessive recumbency, and low-grade colic; and,

It has been determined and concluded from investigation that the controlled therapeutic administration of the anti-ulcer drugs cimetidine, omeprazole, and ranitidine, under the terms and conditions approved and authorized in this order, for the care and treatment of stomach ulcers in racehorses, will not affect the normal racing ability or performance of such horses or the outcome of races in which they compete, or reasonably threaten or undermine public confidence in the integrity of pari-mutuel horse racing in the state, **NOW THEREFORE,**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED pursuant to § 30(2) of the Horse Racing Law of 1995, as amended, MCL 431.330(2), that cimetidine, omeprazole, and ranitidine are authorized to be administered to a horse that is intended to be entered or is entered, or be present in a horse that participates, up to the declared threshold, in a race with pari-mutuel wagering or any non-betting race or workout that is conducted at a licensed race meeting in this state and that meets both of the following:

- (a) The horse must have been diagnosed with stomach ulcers by a veterinarian, who is licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Michigan or another state or other foreign jurisdiction; and,
- (b) The horse so diagnosed and prescribed the authorized medication may be administered recognized therapeutic doses up to 24 hours before post time.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Richard S. Kalm, Executive Director
Michigan Gaming Control Board

Date: 4-6-17