



Division of Racing

Notice of Intent

Date: January 15, 2014

Effective immediately, the Racing Division of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission issues this notice of intent to construe excessive administration of cobalt as a practice consistent with blood-doping. Cobalt is an endogenous substance, and one present in numerous equine supplements and feeds. However, like many other endogenous substances, the potential for abuse in the athlete must be considered by the regulatory authority.

As such, the Racing Division hereby extends its notice of intent to pursue the following as violations of existing racing regulations:

- For purposes of 205 CMR 3.28(3) and 4.51(3): Prohibited Substances, the possession of an injectable cobalt salt shall be considered a violation.
- For purposes of 205 CMR 3.30(4) And 4.53(4): Out of Competition Testing for Blood and/or Gene Doping Agents, the presence of excessive levels of cobalt shall be considered a violation. The Racing Division will take into account existing research, established thresholds and laboratory recommendations when determining whether levels are excessive.



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