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Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board

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HRV RAD Board Hearing – Patrick Lee

On 13 March 2019, the Harness Racing Victoria (HRV) Racing Appeals and Disciplinary (RAD) Board considered a charges issued by HRV Stewards under Australian Harness Racing Rule (AHRR) 190(1) and 190AA(1)9a) against licensed trainer Patrick Lee.

AHRR 190(1) reads as follows:

A horse shall be presented for a race free of prohibited substances.

The charge under AHRR 190(1) related to a urine sample collected from the horse 'Keayang Yankee' after it finished first in Race 6, the 'Ride The Redwood Rattler Trot', at the Maryborough harness racing meeting on 16 July 2018. Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) reported that analysis of the urine sample revealed it to contain the prohibited substance 17 alpha-Trenbolone.

AHRR 190AA(1)(a) reads as follows:

A horse must not, in any manner, at any time, be administered an anabolic androgenic steroid.

The charge under AHRR 190AA (1)(a), related to 'Keayang Yankee' being administered the altrenogest product 'Ovu-Mate' which contained the prohibited substance trenbolone, in the period leading up to the race on 16 July 2018.

Mr Lee pleaded guilty to both charges before submissions on penalty were heard from HRV Stewards and Mr Lee.

In deciding an appropriate penalty, the HRV RAD Board considered Mr Lee's early guilty pleas and cooperation throughout the investigation; Mr Lee's excellent record in the industry; both general and specific deterrence; the specific circumstances of the matter; the significance of the rules as they relate to prohibited substances; and the onus on participants to be aware of industry issues. Also taken into account was the relatively short period between the notification advising trainers to cease using any altrenogest products and the date of the race.

Upon consideration of all these circumstances; the HRV RAD Board issued the following penalties:

Charge 1 - \$3000 fine.

Charge 2 - \$4000 fine (of which \$3000 was suspended for 12 months).

The HRV RAD Board also ordered that, under AHRR 195, 'Keayang Yankee' be disqualified from Race 6 at Maryborough on 16 July 2018 and that the placings be amended accordingly.

HRV RAD Board Panel: Judge Graeme Hicks (Chair), Kerry Willcock.