



IJRC General Assembly

Contamination Cases

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DIFFERENT KIND OF CONTAMINATIONS



**Feed –
naturally
occurring
substances**



**Environmental
contamination**

**Human
contamination**



**Supplements
-not on
ingredient list**

PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

- **Banned Substances**

- a) no legitimate use in the competition Horse
- b) have a high potential for abuse.

Banned Substances - prohibited at all times.



- **Controlled Medication**

Therapeutic and/or commonly used in equine medicine

- a) the potential to affect performance, and/ or
- b) a potential welfare risk to the Horse.

Controlled Medication Substances - prohibited in-competition

3 KIND OF CASES

Administrative Procedure (FT)

- 1 CM first offence

No suspension

Fine & Costs & DSQ

Record 4 years

- **Controlled Medication (CM)**

- 2 or more CM or second offence

6 months

Fine & Costs & DSQ

Record 4 years

- **Banned Substances (BS)**

- 1 BS or more

2 years

Fine & Costs & DSQ

Record 10 years

SANCTIONS

- **The rider is suspended**
- **The horse may also be suspended (2 months)**
- **Automatic Disqualification of individual results**
- **Disqualification of team result**
- **Forfeiture of prize money, medals and prizes**



SPECIFIED SUBSTANCES

- **Not less important or less dangerous**
- **More likely to have been ingested by horses not to enhance the sport performance, i.e contaminated feed**
- **Gives more flexibility on the sanctions against the rider, if there was a none-doping explanation due to contamination**
- **If a non-doping explanation - rider not sanctioned, but DSQ**
- **This shall not affect the automatic DSQ of the results**

DISQUALIFICATION IS AUTOMATIC

- **If a horse tests positive - the results must be DSQ**
- **Regardless of fault and negligence of rider**
- **No matter explanation of how substance entered the horse**
- **No matter the performance enhancing effect on the horse**
- **WHY?**

WELFARE OF THE HORSE & FAIR PLAY



Fit to compete

No influence of drugs



Level playing field

STEPS TAKEN BY THE FEI

- **The risk of contamination is considered – Specified Substances**
- **The levels reported at the lab is already adapted to possible contaminations**
- **List group of scientific experts including vets to decide which substances are prohibited and how they are classified**
- **Special expert review group**
- **5000 tests a year, not all contaminations!**



TAKE HOME MESSAGE

CONCLUSIONS

- **Be careful and cautious - work with people you trust**
- **Educate your grooms and support personnel**
- **Have procedures in place to avoid contamination**
- **Have medical and feed records to be able to track anything given to your horse**
- **Be aware that human medication can transfer to the horse**

