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## **NZTR DIRECTIVE**

### **Cardiac Arrhythmia**

At the 8 June 2009 Board meeting, the Board of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing considered and issued the following Directive:

Effective 1 August 2009

- (i)** Horses that experience any form of cardiac arrhythmia in a race or trial will not be permitted to start in any race until a veterinary certificate declaring the horse free of any cardiac arrhythmia after an ECG test and the auscultation of the heart following a trial of at least 1000m has been received by NZTR.
- (ii)** Any horse experiencing more than two repeated episodes of cardiac arrhythmia may be suspended by order of the Stipendiary Stewards for such period as they consider necessary to allow a complete diagnostic evaluation by a veterinarian to take place.
- (iii)** Any horse so suspended shall not be permitted to start in any trial or race until such time as it has received a satisfactory veterinary report. And upon receipt of such clearance will not be permitted to race until the horse has performed in a trial and passed a post trial veterinary examination to the satisfaction of Stipendiary Stewards.
- (iv)** Any horse that continues to experience repeated episodes of cardiac arrhythmia following previous clearance from a veterinarian will be ineligible to trial or race unless otherwise determined by the Stipendiary Stewards.

Reason:

This directive has been issued in order to increase health and safety for industry stakeholders.

Rule of Racing Relating to Directives:

106(b)

Every person commits a breach of these Rules who:

acts in contravention of or fails to comply with any provision of these Rules or any Regulations made thereunder, or any notice, direction, instruction, requirement or condition given, made or imposed under these Rules;

**Ross Neal**

Senior Stipendiary Steward (Operations)