



## HEALTH, SAFETY AND REGULATORY MEASURES 2008

**FACT SHEET**  
January 23, 2008

Measure	Horse Health Passport
<b>Overview</b>	<p>In an effort to curb the over medication of horses due to lack of information and to assist in the policing of the appropriate treatment of horses and proper administration of medications, the Ontario Racing Commission (ORC) will be moving towards the establishment of a horse passport for competing in Ontario.</p> <p>Under a phased-in approach the ORC will begin by requiring that the vaccination records for any horse are made available to any new owner within 72 hours of purchase.</p>
<b>Effective Dates</b>	<p>Issuance of Directive on rule changes January 31, 2008, rules to be effective April 1, 2008.</p>
<b>Background</b>	<p>There is ongoing concern in the racing industry about the over-medication of racehorses, the number of positive tests and the use of non-therapeutic medications in racehorses.</p> <p>The long term goal of this initiative is the development of a horse passport similar to ones established in Europe, which includes all of the relevant information about a horse as it pertains to its medical history.</p> <p>During 2008 the ORC will be pursuing an active partnership with the federal initiative currently underway to establish a passport for all animals as part of its national livestock traceability system for Canada. The ORC is hoping to be able initiate a pilot project for Ontario racing in 2008 and will be working closely with the racing industry community to seek their involvement.</p>
<b>Rule</b>	<p><b>New Standardbred Rule 6.50</b> <b>New Thoroughbred Rule XXX</b></p> <p>When a change of ownership of a horse racing in the Ontario has occurred, the former owner must make the written medical history of that horse available upon request to the new owner within 72 hours of the request. Failure or refusal to provide the written medical history may result in a fine and/or suspension. The request for medical records must be made within one week of the date of transfer.</p>

**New Standardbred Rule 6.51**

**New Thoroughbred Rule**

For the purposes of Rule 6.50, the medical history of the horse shall include the records of administration, including brand and date for:

- 1) Vaccinations
  - 2) Dewormings
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