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MEMORANDUM TO:
Provincial Regulatory Bodies

**SUBJECT: Requests for Collection of Official
Samples Outside the Retention Area**

The Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency (CPMA) has completed its review respecting the *Requests for Collection of Official Samples Outside the Retention Area*.

The decision of the CPMA is that official samples are not to be collected outside the retention area.

Considerations that influenced this decision include potential backlog of horses within the retention area, health and welfare issues for Test Inspectors, and an uncontrolled sampling environment.

Judges and stewards who select horses for testing should ensure they are familiar with this policy.

Samples collected outside of the retention area by non-CPMA personnel may, however, be analysed as non-official samples under provincial drug control programs.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the policy, please contact CPMA.

Sincerely,



Steve Suttie

Le 9 février 2017

NOTE DE SERVICE AUX :
Organismes de réglementation provinciaux

**OBJET : Demandes de prélèvement
d'échantillons officiels à l'extérieur de l'enclos**

L'Agence canadienne du pari mutuel (ACPM) a terminé d'examiner la question des *Demandes de prélèvement d'échantillons officiels à l'extérieur de l'enclos*.

L'ACPM a décidé que les échantillons officiels ne doivent pas être prélevés à l'extérieur de l'enclos.

Les considérations qui ont motivé cette décision comprennent la possibilité d'un retard dans le traitement des chevaux dans l'enclos, les risques pour la santé et la sécurité des inspecteurs des prélèvements et le prélèvement d'échantillons dans un environnement non contrôlé.

Les juges qui sélectionnent des chevaux pour un prélèvement doivent se familiariser avec cette politique.

Les échantillons prélevés à l'extérieur de l'enclos par des personnes autres que le personnel de l'ACPM peuvent toutefois être analysés en tant qu'échantillons non officiels dans le cadre de programmes provinciaux de contrôle des drogues.

Si vous avez des questions ou des préoccupations à ce sujet, veuillez communiquer avec l'Agence canadienne du pari mutuel.

Cordialement,



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CPMA Policy Paper P-010

Policy Title

Requests to Collect Official Samples Outside the Retention Area

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Issue

Occasionally, Test Inspectors (personnel designated to collect official samples as part of the Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency's (CPMA) Equine Drug Control Program) are asked to leave the retention area for the purpose of collecting or supervising the collection of an official blood or urine sample from a horse that was chosen to undergo a test pursuant to subsection 161(1) of the *Pari-Mutuel Betting Supervision Regulations* (the Regulations). This is usually the case when the selected horse is unable to proceed to the test barn for a reason such as the horse is injured or deceased.

Decision

Official samples shall not be collected anywhere other than the retention area established for that purpose.

Explanation

To protect the integrity of the sample collection process, and control the sample collection environment, CPMA's collection service providers are not to leave the retention area for the purposes of collecting a blood or urine sample.

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Rationale

Subsection 159(1) of the Regulations requires the owner or trainer (*or their representative*) of a horse that has been chosen to undergo a test, to immediately take the horse to a test inspector in the retention area. The retention area is a secure and controlled environment that protects the integrity of the sample collection process as well as the samples collected. Leaving the retention area to collect or supervise the collection of a sample may cause, among many other things, a backup of horses within the retention area and possible health and safety risks. Consequently, CPMA's designated Test Inspectors are prohibited from leaving the retention area for the purposes of collecting official samples or supervising the collection of samples.