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Notice to the industry

Advisement to All Licensees – Dr. Blaine Kennedy

All Ontario Racing Commission licensees and participants involved in horse racing in Ontario are advised that two rulings have been issued today prohibiting horses treated by veterinarian Dr. Blaine Kennedy from entering racing in Ontario.

On September 21, 2005, Dr. Kennedy was issued a lifetime suspension by the Executive Director who has also issued a Notice of Proposed Order to Revoke his licence for the following reasons:

- a) there are reasonable grounds to believe that, while the Licensee carries out the activities for which a licence is required, the Licensee will not act in accordance with the law, or with integrity, honesty, or in the public interest, having regard to the past conduct of the applicant;
- b) the licensee's conduct has placed the integrity of the horse racing industry in Ontario in question and, in particular, the quality and integrity of veterinary care of horses; and
- c) the public interest requires that the licensee be suspended immediately.

Dr. Kennedy held ORC Thoroughbred and Standardbred licences in the capacity of veterinarian, providing services at the racetrack for Ontario licensees. Dr. Kennedy was found to have purchased controlled substances from Mr. Fred Rogers since deceased. Fred Rogers was not licensed as a veterinarian and was not authorized to possess or sell controlled substances or other substances regulated under the *Food and Drugs Act* and the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*. Some products purchased from Mr. Rogers by Dr. Kennedy were unlabelled products and not approved for sale or use in Canada. Dr. Kennedy has admitted that he treated horses from products purchased from Mr. Rogers.

Further to the actions to suspend and revoke the licenses of Dr. Kennedy, **a ruling has been issued to notify participants that any horse treated by Dr. Kennedy on or after September 24, 2005 will be ineligible to be declared to race at any raceway in Ontario.** Any participant entering or attempting to enter a horse for whom Dr. Kennedy provided such services on or after September 24, 2005 may be found to be in violation of the Rules of Standardbred or Thoroughbred Racing, whichever applies.

Copies of the rulings are attached for the information of participants.

John L. Blakney
Executive Director