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Notice to the industry

Ontario Racing Commission announces new procedures to deal with EVR

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Equine Viral Rhinopneumonitis (EVR), also known as Herpes Virus

Due to the recent outbreak of EVR (Equine Viral Rhinopneumonitis), the Ontario Racing Commission is implementing new procedures, effective immediately.

Prior to being allowed to enter the paddock or ship-in barn area at any Ontario racetrack, all horses coming to Ontario from another jurisdiction must be examined by the Commission/Official Veterinarian. The examination will include, but may not be limited to, taking the horse's temperature.

The Ontario Racing Commission is also requiring racetrack management to ensure that paddocks and ship-in barn areas are frequently disinfected.

Race Secretaries are advised to include the following statement on all overnight sheets until further notice:

“Due to the recent outbreak of EVR (Herpes Virus), trainers are advised to check their horse's temperature prior to shipping into an Ontario racetrack. If a horse has an elevated temperature, the trainer must ensure that the appropriate action is taken and that a veterinarian is contacted.”