

## Directive for Completion of Furosemide Eligibility Forms

Furosemide use is regulated by the Commission rules § 4043.2 (b) and § 4120.2 (b). Under current New York Rules, the trainer of a furosemide-eligible horse must file an *Eligibility for the Administration of Furosemide* form with the racetrack operator on or before the day of entry to provide satisfactory documentation of eligibility for race-day furosemide administration. This documentation includes verification that a particular horse has experienced exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhage (EIPH) after a race or training workout, as determined by clinical assessment and/or endoscopic examination by a veterinarian.

Best practice for preparing the *Eligibility for the Administration of Furosemide* form is as follows:

- Veterinarians should sign this form only after all of the information on the form that precedes the veterinarian signature line has been completed.
- Veterinarians should never allow a partially-completed form bearing their signature to be out of their possession or control.
- Trainers and veterinarians must exercise sufficient care to ensure that the completed form is accurate when submitted to the racetrack.

No matter the material accuracy of the certificate, leaving unsecure incomplete forms in the hands of the stable creates the potential for improper or fraudulent actions that are not in the best interest of horse racing. This practice is to be avoided at all costs.

Thank you for your compliance with this directive. As medical professionals, we must do whatever we can, not only to ensure the health and safety of our patients, but the integrity of our sport as well.

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