

# Compounding for Racehorses

## *An overview for veterinarians*

Some compounding pharmacies are approached by veterinarians to prepare medications for racehorses. As a tightly regulated sport, horseracing has specific rules and regulations regarding the use of drugs in horses. The new anti-doping and medication control program launched by the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) on March 27, 2023, addresses the use of banned and non-approved substances in horseracing. However, it is important to note that compounded medications are not prohibited under the program.

### **Compounding and the HISA ADMC Program**

Under the HISA ADMC program, Rule 4111. So, titled “non-approved substances,” states that compounded products that comply with the Animal Medicinal Drug Use Clarification Act (AMDUCA) and the FDA Guidance for Industry (GFI) #256 (Compounding Animal Drugs from Bulk Drug Substances) are not prohibited. It is important for veterinarians to understand that they can continue to rely on compounding pharmacies to provide medications for their racehorses.

During a March 2023 phone conversation with APC staff, the Horseracing Integrity



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& Welfare Unit (HIWU) Chief of Science, Mary Scollay, emphasized the importance of compounded medications in the horseracing field. She noted that compounding allows for customized medications to be tailored to each horse’s specific needs. This is particularly important in horseracing, where each horse is unique and may require a different medication or dosage.

### **Conclusion**

Compounded medications are not prohibited under the new HISA ADMC program. Rule 4111. So allows for the use of compounded products that comply with AMDUCA and GFI #256.

Compounding pharmacies play a critical role in providing customized medications for racehorses that meet their specific needs. As a veterinarian, it is important to understand the regulations around compounding and to rely on trusted compounding pharmacies to provide safe and effective medications for your racehorses.