

## **CASE RESOLUTION WITHOUT HEARING**

## ADMC Program Rule 3214(a)/Possession of a Banned Substance Covered Person: Dr. Nicola Hardgrove, DVM

On October 30, 2024, Dr. Nicola Hardgrove agreed to an Admission of Equine Anti-Doping Rule Violation and Acceptance of Consequences pursuant to the Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) Program in connection with the above-referenced matter. This matter involved the Possession of a Banned Substance (ADMC Program Rule 3214(a)). On July 23, 2024, Dr. Hardgrove was found to be in possession of the Banned Substance Arsil, which is an arsenic-containing pharmacological substance manufactured in Mexico that constitutes a category S0 Banned Substance under ADMC Program Rule 4111, at Los Alamitos Race Course in Los Alamitos, California.

As a result, the following Consequences were imposed against Dr. Hardgrove under the ADMC Program:

- 1. A period of Ineligibility of eighteen (18) months, beginning on September 11, 2024 (the date her Provisional Suspension was imposed), and continuing through March 10, 2026;
- 2. A fine of \$12,500 in accordance with ADMC Program Rule 3223; and
- 3. Public Disclosure in accordance with ADMC Program Rule 3620.