

# INDUSTRY NOTICE

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***UPDATE REGARDING PRODUCTS CONTAINING ALTRENOGEST***

In June 2018, The Office of Racing Integrity, Tasmania, issued a media release warning trainers regarding the use of products containing Altrenogest. This advice was to cease the use of such products and remains unchanged.

Prescription animal remedy products containing Altrenogest, for example regumate, which are used to control the cyclic activity of fillies and mares, have been analysed and found to contain varying amounts of by-products trenbolone and/or trendione. These are androgenic anabolic steroids which are permanently banned and may have extended detection times. Oral forms of products containing Altrenogest have been analysed to contain less of the above substances than injectable products.

Racing authorities have been working to develop a national approach to this issue in addition to consultation with the manufacturers to reduce or eliminate the by-products. These attempts have been unrewarding at this stage.

Alternatives for controlling the seasonal activity of fillies and mares are available, the Office of Racing Integrity suggest trainers should consult their Veterinarians regarding the use of these products and administer in accordance with the manufacturers guidelines, maintain treatment records and ensure strict compliance with the relevant “one clear day” treatment rules.

Trainers using products containing Altrenogest do so at their own risk. Androgenic anabolic steroid detection carries significant penalties for the horse and trainer.

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