

Greyhound Racing (Prohibited Substances) (Amendment) Regulations 2023

Rásaíocht Con Éireann, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 27 of the Greyhound Racing Act 2019 (No. 15 of 2019), after consultation with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, hereby makes the following regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Greyhound Racing (Prohibited Substances) (Amendment) Regulations 2023.
2. These Regulations come into operation on the day of 2023.
3. Regulation 2 of the Greyhound Racing (Prohibited Substances) Regulations 2023 (S.I. No. 212 of 2023) is hereby amended: -
 - (1) By the substitution of the following for the definition of "Prohibited substance":

“prohibited substance” means a class of substance listed in Part 1, or a substance listed in column (1), at the level or higher specified opposite in column (2), of Part 2, of the Schedule, or a substance subject to regulation 3(4), and prohibited to be administered to a greyhound under regulation 3. A finding of a prohibited substance means a finding of the substance itself, a metabolite of the substance, an isomer of the substance, or an isomer of a metabolite of the substance.
 - (2) By the insertion of the following definitions:

"medicinal product" means a medicinal product within the meaning of Article 1 of Directive 2001/83/EC as amended by Directive 2004/27/EC.

"screening limit" means the urine, plasma or tissue concentration adopted by the Board for the screening of a specified prohibited substance.
4. Regulation 3 of the Greyhound Racing (Prohibited Substances) Regulations 2023 (S.I. No. 212 of 2023) is hereby amended: -
 - (1) by the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph (1):

"(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the administration of a prohibited substance to a greyhound is prohibited."
 - (2) By the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph (4):

"(4) Notwithstanding paragraph (2) of this regulation, no residue of any class of substance listed in Part 1 or any substance listed in Part 2 of the Schedule or any metabolite or isomer of such a substance is permitted in any sample taken under

these regulations from a greyhound whilst in training, participating in racing or trials, or entered in sales, or in greyhounds intended for such purposes, and for that purpose the residue screening limit that may be found for that substance or its metabolite in any sample is set at zero."

(3) By the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph (5):

"(5) In any sample taken under these regulations from a greyhound whilst in training, participating in racing or trials, or entered in sales, or in greyhounds intended for such purposes, and notwithstanding paragraph (2), where the concentration of a substance which is a veterinary medicinal product or a medicinal product is detected at a level exceeding the screening limit for that veterinary medicinal product or medicinal product, such detection shall constitute an adverse analytical finding, notwithstanding the fact of such substance having been lawfully administered to a greyhound in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2019/6 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2018.

5. Part 1 of the Schedule to the Greyhound Racing (Prohibited Substances) Regulations 2023 (S.I. No. 212 of 2023), is hereby amended by the insertion of the following additional classes of substances after the classes of substances currently listed therein:

Cardiac Stimulants & Depressants

Central Nervous System Depressants

GIVEN under the Seal of Rásaíocht Con Éireann,

_____ of _____ 2023

Frank Nyhan

Chairman of the Board.

John Tuohey

Chief Executive of the Board, an officer authorised by the Board to authenticate the Seal of the Board.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Regulations amend the Greyhound Racing (Prohibited Substances) Regulations 2023 (S.I. No. 212 of 2023) by amending the definition of prohibited substance and by inserting definitions of medicinal product and screening limit, to provide for particular restrictions on the substances which can lawfully be detected in greyhounds whilst in training, participating in racing or trials, or entered in sales, or in greyhounds intended for such purposes, and the permitted level, if any, of such substances, and by inserting additional classes of substances in Part 1 of the Schedule.