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INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & JUSTIFICATION

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FILING CAPTION: Amends OAR 462-150-0010 (5)(a) minimum official workouts from 30 to 45 days.

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NEED FOR THE RULE(S):

A temporary amendment is needed because of the track closures in California. Usually, racehorses travel between the Prineville and Tillamook Oregon and Northern California race circuit then return to Grants Pass, OR for Commercial race meet.

This year saw the end of horse racing in Northern California with two tracks discontinuing racing. While it is not an issue for Prineville to Tillamook, it is a huge issue between Tillamook to Grants Pass. The time between these two meets are beyond the 30 days. That would mean that few horses would be eligible to race in Grants Pass without the ability to complete the required workouts that would ordinarily be completed at the California tracks. They would need more time to get required workouts completed and published.

As this all occurred rather suddenly, we did not initially think of the consequences, or we could have had a meeting in July and had time to do the normal rule making process. It was not evident of the hardship until we got to Tillamook.

JUSTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY FILING:

- 1) The race meet will not have enough eligible horses to run.
- 2) This will result in hardship amongst a large number of licensees who depend on racing income for their livelihood.
- 3) Failure to immediately take action will cause inability to produce eligible horses because there will not be enough time to complete the required workouts without extending the time to get them done between leaving one track and waiting for the next track to open for official training workouts.
- 4) The temporary rule will extend the time from 30 to 45 days, making it possible for horses that need official published workouts to complete them.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:

California Horse Racing Board

AMEND: 462-150-0010

RULE TITLE: Workouts; Exercise; Schooling

RULE SUMMARY: Amends OAR 462-150-0010 to change minimum official workouts for Thoroughbreds from 30 to 45 days.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) An official workout must be under the supervision of the clocker. The galloping or ponying of horses for exercise, and unofficial schooling out of the gate, are not official workouts.
- (2) Before a horse has an official workout, the trainer shall ensure that the clocker is notified and the horse is properly identified. Mandatory schooling must be under the supervision of the appropriate racing official, who must keep a record of the results of the schooling. Official workouts must be timed and recorded. Official workouts may be accepted from other training tracks if the track and clocker are approved and licensed by the commission.
- (3) Official workouts may be accepted from a race meet or licensed public training track in another state if reported by a licensed clocker of the other state to the licensed clocker in Oregon or reported in the Daily Racing Form, or other approved publications.
- (4) No devices other than authorized riding equipment may be used for any workout, and no horse shall be worked out while under the influence of a prohibited drug or an unauthorized quantity of a permitted drug. The levels of permitted medications for workouts are the same as for race days. The stewards or commission veterinarian may require any horse to be tested for drugs after a workout.
- (5)(a) A Thoroughbred horse that has never run in a recognized race must have a minimum of two official workouts within 45 days before being eligible to start in an official race. Any Thoroughbred horse that has not run in a recognized race in the 45 days prior to the race in which it is sought to be entered must have at least one official workout within the previous 45 days before being eligible to race in an official race.
- (b) A Quarter Horse, Appaloosa, Paint, Arabian or mule that has never run in a recognized race must have a minimum of two official workouts within 45 days before being eligible to start in an official race. Any Quarter Horse, Appaloosa, Paint, Arabian or mule that has not run in a recognized race in the 45 days prior to the race in which it is sought to be entered must have at least one official work within the previous 45 days before being eligible to start in an official race.
- (c) The first time a horse or mule races around a turn it must have not less than 1 work around the turn within the past 45 days.
- (6) No horse may be worked out during pari-mutuel racing hours without prior permission from the paddock judge and the stewards.
- (7) Before accepting the entry of any horse, the stewards may require the horse to have additional official workouts. Also the stewards or the commission veterinarian may, for good cause, order a horse to be worked at a specific distance and effort.
- (8) No workout other than an official workout which has been recorded by a licensed clocker shall be submitted for publication in the Daily Racing Form, Equibase or other approved publications.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 462.270(3)

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 462.270