

APPEAL RESULT

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SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – STABLE EMPLOYEE:
REBECCA GODDARD**

Heard By Judge Russell Lewis (Chair).

Appearances Mr Jamie Evans appeared on behalf of Ms Goddard.
Mr Brett Wright appeared on behalf of the stewards.

At a stewards' inquiry on Monday 29 June 2015 at Cranbourne racecourse, stable employee Rebecca Goddard pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of AR 81A(1)(a) which states that:

Any rider commits an offence and may be penalised if: (a) a sample taken from him is found upon analysis to contain a substance banned under AR 81B.

The particulars of the charge being that Ms Goddard provided a urine sample subsequent to riding trackwork at Mornington on 2 June 2015 which was found upon analysis to contain the banned substances Nordiazepam, Oxazepam and Temazepam (Valium).

Ms Goddard had her stable registration (relating to riding trackwork only) suspended for a period of 3 weeks, commencing at midnight on Tuesday 23 June 2015, at which time she was stood down, and expiring at midnight on Monday 13 July 2015.

A Notice of Appeal against **the severity of the penalty** was lodged on Wednesday, 1 July 2015.

A stay of proceedings to ride trackwork was granted and was effective until the hearing and determination of the appeal.

In accordance with AR 81A(4) Ms Goddard provided a sample that was free of any substance banned under AR 81B.

DECISION: **Appeal dismissed - penalty to remain standing.**

Taking into account the stay of proceedings the period of suspension will now expire at midnight on Saturday, 18 July 2015.