



## **DECISION of the JUDICIAL COMMITTEE of the FEI**

**dated 5 April 2007**

**Positive Medication Case:** 2006/19

**Horse:** PIEFIN

**FEI Passport No.:** FRA12063

**Person Responsible:** Giovanni Menchi, ITA

**Event:** CIC2\* Ravenna (ITA), 30.03 – 02.04.2006

**Prohibited Substances:** Nordiazepam and 4'-hydroxy-nordiazepam (metabolite of diazepam)

### **1. COMPOSITION OF PANEL**

Mr Leonidas C. Georgopoulos  
Mr Philip O'Connor  
Mr Erik Elstad

### **2. AMENDMENT OF THE DECISION DATED 7 MARCH 2007**

After the decision rendered on 7 March 2007 by the Judicial Committee of the FEI in the case mentioned above, it occurred to the Panel that, according to Article 174.6.2.2 of the FEI General Regulations (21st Edition, effective 1st January 2005), when the Person Responsible (PR) can prove that it was not a deliberate attempt to affect the performance of the horse or that the findings are the results of a legitimate treatment of the horse, a suspension from 1 to 3 months may be imposed. Under the more recent FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Medication Control Rules, a longer period of suspension may be imposed in similar circumstances.

In its decision, the Judicial Committee accepted that "the PR put forward sufficient evidence establishing the treatment administered to the Horse". As a result, a maximum period of 3 months suspension could be imposed on the PR under the applicable FEI General Regulations. This is due to the fact that the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Medication Control Rules did not come into effect until 1 June 2006, some two months after the event at issue in this case.

Therefore, the Judicial Committee specifies that its previous decision should be interpreted and applied such that the applicable suspension is for a period of three (3) months rather than four (4)..

In accordance with the Judicial Committee decision of 7 March 2007. The period of suspension started on 10 April 2007. It will finish on 9 July 2007.

The Judicial Committee regrets any inconvenience this may have caused to the affected parties.

Date : 5 April 2007

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