

## CONSENT AWARD

Dated 17 April 2025 and issued by the

FEI TRIBUNAL

Sitting in the following composition:

**Sole Panel Member: Dr Armand Leone (USA).**

in the matter between:

**FÉDÉRATION EQUESTRE INTERNATIONALE (FEI)**

and

**Mr. Masoud Saleh M A Al Marri –in his capacity as the Additional Person Responsible (the “APR”) in the following case:**

**Case: C25-0012 ASHVA TRUEQUE**

**Ref. No. FEI Tribunal: C25-0012 (FEI Case:2025/BS01\_Acceptance of Consequences**

**Case 2025 BS01 ASHVA TRUEQUE - APR - Mr. Masoud Saleh M A Al Marri**

**Horse/Passport: ASHVA TRUEQUE/105XR49/QAT**

**Person Responsible/ID/NF: Jayapal SINGH/10333038/IND**

**Trainer/ID/NF: Masoud Saleh M A AL MARRI/10113148/QAT**

**Event/Date: CEI1\* 100 - Doha, Mesaieed (QAT), 22-23.11.2024**

**Event ID: 2024\_CI\_1721\_E\_S\_03**

**Date of sample collection: 22.11.2024**

**Prohibited Substance(s): Strychnine, 17-hydroxyprogesterone hexanoate**

**Bar Code No.: 1417134**

## I. Parties

1. The Fédération Equestre Internationale (the "FEI") is the sole IOC recognised international federation for equestrian sport. The FEI is the governing body of the FEI equestrian disciplines (Dressage, Jumping, Eventing, Driving, Endurance, Vaulting and Para-Equestrian).
2. Mr. Masoud Saleh M A Al Marri (FEI ID 10113148) APR is a Trainer from Qatar (the "QAT-NF"), and was in charge of the Horse, ASHVA TRUEQUE (the "Horse") which competed at the CEI1\* 100 - Doha, Mesaieed (QAT), 22-23.11.2024 (the "Event").

## II. Factual background and initial proceedings

3. The Horse was tested during the Event and returned a positive result for Strychnine and 17-hydroxyprogesterone hexanoate which are Banned Substances under the FEI's 2024 Equine Prohibited Substances List. Strychnine is an alkaloid drug causing involuntary muscle contractions and is used as a rodenticide. 17-hydroxyprogesterone hexanoate is a hormone that may be used to synchronise oestrus in mares.
4. The FEI informed the APR of the positive result for these Banned Substances by way of a notification letter dated 9 January 2025 (the "Notification Letter"). In accordance with Article 7.4.1 of Equine Anti-Doping Rules (the "EADRs"), the APR was Provisionally Suspended by the FEI for the following reasons:
  - a) He was registered Trainer in the discipline of Endurance;
  - b) The Horse's Sample showed an Adverse Analytical Finding for two Banned Substances.
5. In the Notification Letter, the APR was provided with an option to admit the EADR violation and accept the proposed consequences of a six (6) month reduction of the otherwise applicable "Period of Ineligibility" of twenty-four (24) months, accompanied by a fine in accordance with Article 10.8.1 of the EADRs.
6. The FEI also informed the APR in the Notification Letter that he may request the analysis of the B-Sample, at the latest within 10 days of the date of this notification letter, at his own cost. The APR did not request for the B sample to be analysed.
7. On 18 March 2025, the APR elected to admit the violation and receive the agreed 6-month reduction and submitted to the FEI a duly signed copy of the Acceptance of Consequences Form. Therefore, the APR elected to admit the violation and receive a 6-month reduction and, hence, serve a total ineligibility period of 18 months. The

APR also accepted a fine of CHF 5,000. In addition, by means of this form, the APR waived his right of appeal and acknowledged that the Accepted Consequences would remain on his record for ten (10) years pursuant to Article 10.9 of the EADRs.

### **III. Summary of the proceedings before the FEI Tribunal**

8. On 27 March 2025, the FEI submitted to the FEI Tribunal (the "Tribunal") the Notification Letter and the duly signed Acceptance of Consequences Form. In addition, the FEI requested the FEI Tribunal to issue a consent award confirming the Accepted Consequences that would be imposed on the APR.
9. On 2 April 2025, the Tribunal informed the Parties of the appointment of a one-person hearing panel to adjudicate and approve this case. The Parties were asked to provide any objections to the constitution of the hearing panel by 5 April 2025.
10. On 2 April 2025, the FEI replied that it did not have any objections to the constitution of the hearing panel. The APR never replied; therefore, his silence was taken as agreement to the constitution of the hearing panel.
11. Neither party requested an oral hearing.

### **IV. Jurisdiction**

12. The jurisdiction of the FEI Tribunal, which is not disputed, derives from the:

Statutes 25th edition, effective 21 November 2023 ("Statutes"), Arts. 1.5, 38 and 39.

General Regulations, 24<sup>th</sup> edition, 1 January 2020, Arts. Updates effective 1 January 2024 ("GRs") Articles 118, 143.1, 159, 164, 165 and 167.

Internal Regulations of the FEI Tribunal, 4th Edition, 1 February 2025 ("IRs").

FEI's Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Rules, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, effective 1 January 2021, updates effective 1 January 2023 ("EADCMRs"). The EADCMRs are divided into the Equine Anti-Doping Rules (the "EADRs") and the ECMRs. As only the EADRs apply in the present case, reference will be made hereinafter only to this first chapter of the EADCMRs.

### **V. Early Admission and Acceptance of Sanction**

13. In accordance with Article 10.8.1 of the EADRs *"Where a Person Responsible and/or member of the Support Personnel and/or other Person, after being notified by the FEI of*

*a potential EAD Rule violation that carries an asserted period of Ineligibility of two (2) years or more years (including any period of Ineligibility asserted under Article 10.4), admits the violation and accepts the asserted period of Ineligibility and related Fine (as proposed by the FEI and in accordance with the FEI Guidelines for Fines and Contributions towards Legal Costs) no later than twenty (20) days after receiving notice of an EAD Rule violation charge, the Person Responsible and/or member of the Support Personnel and/or other Person may receive a six (6) month reduction in the period of Ineligibility asserted by the FEI. Where the Person Responsible and/or member of the Support Personnel and/or other Person receives the six (6) month reduction in the asserted period of Ineligibility under this Article 10.8.1, no further reduction in the asserted period of Ineligibility shall be allowed under any other Article”.*

## **VI. Ratification of the Accepted Consequences**

14. The APR has explicitly admitted the EADRs violation and accepted the following consequences (the “Accepted Consequences”) in accordance with Article 10.8.1 of the EADRs:

- A Period of Ineligibility of eighteen (18) months commencing from the date of the Final Decision by the FEI Tribunal (the Provisional Suspension already served shall be credited against the imposed Ineligibility Period);
- Fine of CHF 5,000;

15. The sole panel member confirms that the Accepted Consequences comply with the ECMRs and finds no grounds to object to their terms.

## **ON THESE GROUNDS**

1. The sole panel member hereby ratifies the Accepted Consequences in the Case 2025 BS01 ASHVA TRUEQUE - APR - Mr. Masoud Saleh M A Al Marri (APR)- Trainer and incorporates its terms into this Consent Award.
2. Each Party is hereby ordered to perform the obligations and duties set out in the Acceptance of Consequences Form.
3. This Consent Award is pronounced without costs.
4. This Consent Award is final and not subject to a right of appeal as the APR has waived this right.
5. This Consent Award shall be published in accordance with Article 14.3 of the EADRs.

DECISION TO BE FORWARDED TO:

a. The Parties:

- FEI
- Mr. Masoud Saleh M A AL MARRI (APR)

b. Any other:

- The QAT-NF

FOR THE TRIBUNAL

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Armand Leone', is positioned above a horizontal line.

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Dr. Armand Leone (USA).