Subsection C of 15.2.6.9 NMAC: The purpose of the proposed amendment is to provide associations greater authority to comply with national requirements for improving and maintaining integrity in horseracing.

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## C. Medication restrictions:

- (1) A finding by the commission approved laboratory of a prohibited substance in an official sample of a horse is prima facie evidence that the prohibited substance was administered to the horse and, in the case of a post-race test, was present in the horse's body while it was participating in a race.
- (2) Subject to the approval of the commission Nnothing in this part shall prevent a racing association from setting eligibility conditions, as agreed to with the acknowledged horsemen's organization, for individual races, or for its entire race meet, that prohibit the use or the presence of drug substances or medications in biological test samples collected from participating horses are or detection levels lower than what is authorized by the commission. Such conditions if established in accordance with 15.2.3.5 8C.(4) NMAC shall not be deemed in conflict with the rules and regulations of the commission.