

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Chris Munce

**Date: 24 January 2022**

**Panel: D Aurisch, J Adams, G Goold**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that the prohibited substance Frusemide was detected in a urine sample taken from Stampe at the Doomben Official Trials on 28 September 2021.

Documentary evidence was tabled from the Racing Science Centre (RSC) and the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) along with evidence from licensed trainer Mr Chris Munce.

After considering all evidence, Mr Munce pleaded guilty to a charge pursuant to LR. 118 which reads:

*Where a horse is brought to a racecourse or recognised training track to engage in an official trial and a prohibited substance is detected in any sample taken from it either prior to or following the official trial, the trainer or any other person who was in charge of the horse at the relevant time may be penalised.*

The specifics of the charge being that Mr Munce as the trainer Stampe, brought the horse to Doomben on 28 September 2021 for the purpose of engaging in official trials, and a sample taken following the trial was found to contain the prohibited substance Frusemide.

In determining an appropriate penalty, Stewards acknowledged Mr Munce's forthright evidence and guilty plea. Stewards were also mindful of similar penalty precedents and the negative impact such breaches have on the image of racing.

Mr Munce was subsequently fined \$1000.

He was also made aware of his right to an internal review into the finding of the Stewards.