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### **Speaker Guidelines set for Town Hall Discussion of Proposed Phaseout of Furosemide Use on Race Day**

**LEXINGTON, Ky. – (May 24, 2012)** –Kentucky Horse Racing Commission Executive Director John T. Ward today outlined the speaking guidelines for those wishing to present information and points-of-view at the June 5, 2012 town hall meeting on a proposed phaseout of the use of Furosemide on race day in graded or listed stakes races beginning in 2013.

Speakers will be allowed up to 3 minutes to make their remarks and offer information that is relevant to the proposal under discussion. Individuals wishing to speak must register at the door prior to the meeting. Groups advocating either way on the issue are asked to select one person to speak on behalf of their members.

"I want to make sure that everyone who has an interest in this very important matter has an opportunity to present their views," said Ward. "I am especially interested in hearing from the people of Kentucky during this town hall setting, getting relevant information that will help in formulating the right proposal as we move this debate forward."

The proposal includes the following points:

- Jan. 1, 2013. No furosemide on race day allowed in graded or listed stakes for foals of 2011 or to any other horse of any age that is entered to compete in a graded or listed stakes race against a horse of the 2011 foal crop.
- Jan. 1, 2014. No furosemide on race day allowed in graded or listed stakes for foals of 2011 and 2012 or to any other horse of any age that is entered to compete in a graded or listed stakes race against a horse of the 2011 or 2012 foal crops.



- Jan. 1, 2015. No furosemide on race day allowed in graded or listed stakes for horses of any age.
- The prohibition shall not apply to any other type of race, including non-graded stakes, non-listed stakes, claiming and allowance races.

**Date:** June 5, 2012  
**Location:** Capitol Annex, Room 169, Frankfort, Ky.  
**Time:** 1-4 p.m. EDT