

PRESS RELEASE

On 18 September 2016, in Oslo, the Swedish and Norwegian authorities of trot racing confirmed to UET that disciplinary procedures have been initiated against the trainer Fabrice Souloy due to the presence of cobalt in the biological samples taken after Norwegian and Swedish races from horses declared as being under his care as trainer.

On the basis of information about cobalt currently in its possession, UET considers that its presence at high levels of concentration in the blood or urine, above the established thresholds, may constitute a serious infringement not only to provisions relating to the physical integrity of horses but also those pertaining to the integrity of horserace betting. These facts also cause damage to the probity of horse industry professionals.

UET will take every step to ensure that, if the outcome of the current procedures is the application of sanctions, such sanctions be compatible among UET countries and enforced under each legislative framework throughout the territories of the signatories of the International Agreement.

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