



## CPMA Policy Paper P-010

### Policy Title

***Requests to Collect Official Samples Outside the Retention Area***

### Date of Issue

Issued: February 1, 2017

### Legislative Reference

Part V of the *Pari-Mutuel Betting Supervision Regulations*

### National Coding System File Number

3840-4

### Effective Date

February 6, 2017

### Issue

Occasionally, Test Inspectors (personnel designated to collect official samples as part of the Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency's (CPMA) Equine Drug Control Program) are asked to leave the retention area for the purpose of collecting or supervising the collection of an official blood or urine sample from a horse that was chosen to undergo a test pursuant to subsection 161(1) of the *Pari-Mutuel Betting Supervision Regulations* (the Regulations). This is usually the case when the selected horse is unable to proceed to the test barn for a reason such as the horse is injured or deceased.

### Decision

Official samples shall not be collected anywhere other than the retention area established for that purpose.

### Explanation

To protect the integrity of the sample collection process, and control the sample collection environment, CPMA's collection service providers are not to leave the retention area for the purposes of collecting a blood or urine sample.

La version française de la présente publication est intitulée ***Demandes de prélèvement d'échantillons officiels à l'extérieur de l'enclos***



Canada 

## **Rationale**

Subsection 159(1) of the Regulations requires the owner or trainer (*or their representative*) of a horse that has been chosen to undergo a test, to immediately take the horse to a test inspector in the retention area. The retention area is a secure and controlled environment that protects the integrity of the sample collection process as well as the samples collected. Leaving the retention area to collect or supervise the collection of a sample may cause, among many other things, a backup of horses within the retention area and possible health and safety risks. Consequently, CPMA's designated Test Inspectors are prohibited from leaving the retention area for the purposes of collecting official samples or supervising the collection of samples.