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Mrs R Griffin
Senior Coroner
Coroner's Office for the County of Dorset
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Dear Mrs Griffin

Regulation 28 Notice - Emiliano Raul Sala

I write further to the Dorset Coroner's Regulation 28 Notice, dated 21 March 2022, following the Inquest into the death of Emiliano Raul Sala, and in response to the Coroner's request for assistance to raise awareness amongst racing's stakeholders and participants of the risks and potential consequences arising from the use of illegal flights, in order to prevent future deaths.

This response is sent on behalf of both the British Horseracing Authority ("BHA"), the governing and regulatory body for horseracing in Great Britain, and The Jockey Club (cc'd), who also received a copy of your report directly and were requested to respond substantively by Friday 13 May 2022.

The BHA and its member bodies are committed to ensuring the safety of racing's participants and have sought to work with the relevant authorities to raise awareness across the sport of the serious concerns raised by the Coroner.

Following receipt of your Regulation 28 Notice, I briefed the BHA Board at our April meeting on the content of the Notice, including the evidence given at the Inquest that there is a market for illegal flights using private aircraft in exchange for payment/reward, particularly in the music and sports industries.

The BHA has since engaged with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and has prepared a draft guidance note to send to each of our member bodies, namely the Racecourse Association, the Racehorse Owners Association, the Thoroughbred Breeders Association and the National Trainers Federation, together with the Professional Jockeys Association and the National Association of Racing Staff. The note is designed to raise awareness of the risks associated with illegal flights and the responsibility of participants to check appropriate safety licences and certificates when using private aircraft. The guidance incorporates links to the CAA's own information leaflet and webpage provides details for relevant persons at the CAA where further advice can be sought, as required. We have shared the draft note with the CAA to ensure it is correct and that it makes all the points CAA wish to make and will send it as soon as CAA confirm they are happy with it.

We will also continue to work with the CAA to ensure that any further guidance on this issue that they feel is of importance to racing's participants is circulated in an appropriate and timely manner.

Yours sincerely

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Chair

cc. [Redacted] Senior Steward, The Jockey Club