



TEXAS RACING COMMISSION
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Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (the Authority)

ATTN: Lisa Lazarus

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Lexington, KY 40507

*Via Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested
and via email feedback@hisaus.org*

Dear Ms. Lazarus:

This letter serves as notification that the Texas Racing Commission, the sole government agency charged with the protection of racehorses, licensed participants, and the wagering public attending and engaging in the sport in Texas, requires the following information from you no later than June 30, 2022:

1. Covered Horseraces. Please provide the specific dates, races, and horses that the Authority intends to regulate beginning on July 1, 2022 through December 17, 2022, within the jurisdiction of Texas.¹
2. Pari-Mutuel Wagering. Under the Texas Racing Act, no pari-mutuel wagering is permitted for live or simulcast export wagering for races our Commission does not supervise. Accordingly, there will be no such pari-mutuel wagering or simulcast wagering in Texas on those dates which the Authority asserts jurisdiction. Occupational and business licensees, who have an economic interest in the horseracing sport, should be provided notice and an opportunity to be heard before you deprive them of this essential property interest.
3. License Requirements. You are advised to have all your personnel comply with the Texas Racing Commission licensing requirements.²

If you do not notify me of your future intentions, the agency will assume the **Authority does not intend to assert jurisdiction and to regulate** scheduled Texas "covered horseraces" pursuant to the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (the Act). This letter is written because of the uncertainty created by your lack of communication, which impairs the ability of the Texas Racing Commission as well racetrack associations to plan their races. My expectation is that you will extend to me the professional courtesy of notifying me in writing of your private entity's intentions, pursuant to the Act.

The invitation to visit the Texas Racing Commission team, that I personally extended to you on February 19, 2022, to understand our perspective, still stands.

Sincerely,
Amy F. Cook
Amy F. Cook
Executive Director

cc: Texas Racetrack Associations and Licensee

¹ <https://www.txrc.texas.gov/home/racingdates>

² <https://www.txrc.texas.gov/licensing>