



MOVING AHEAD: Horse Racing Regulation in Ontario Findings Report Summary

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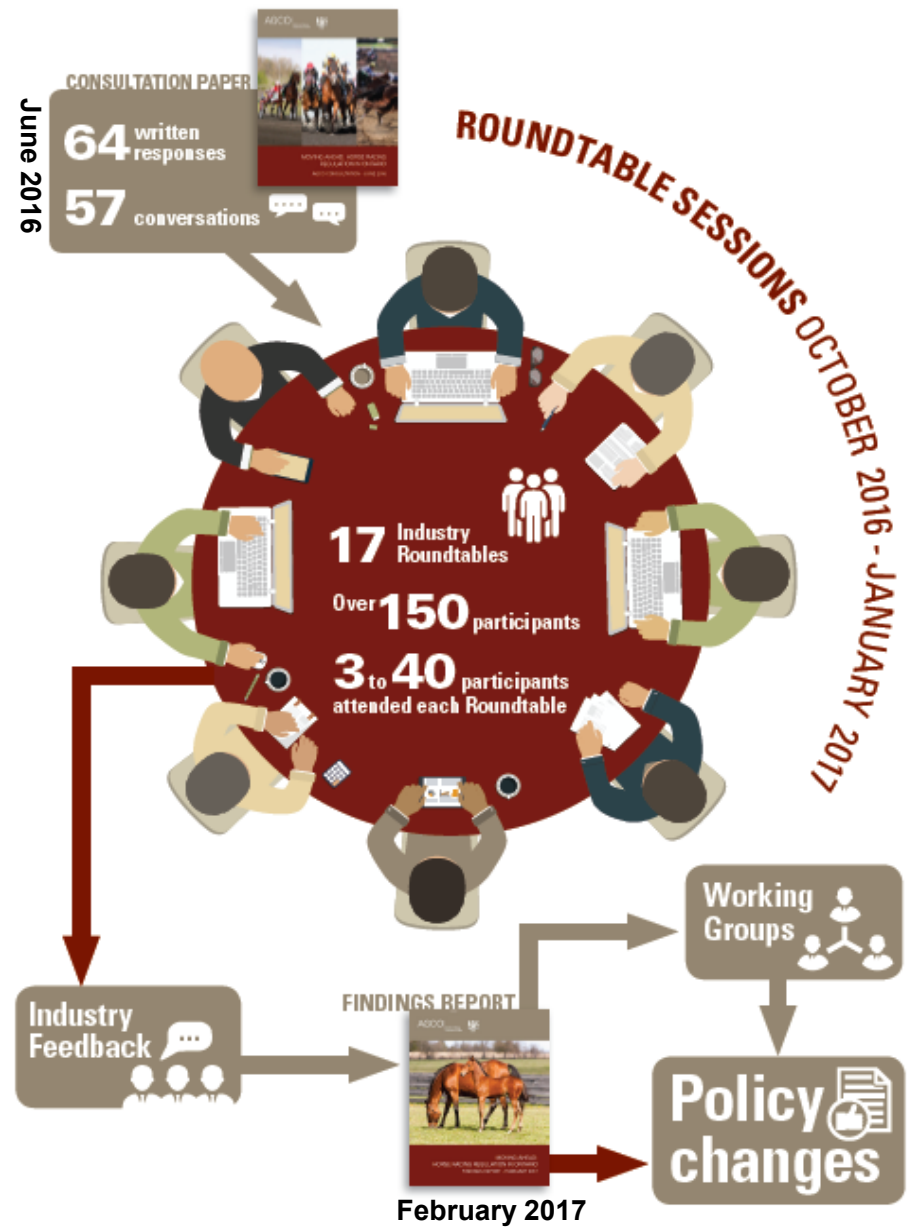
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Project Overview



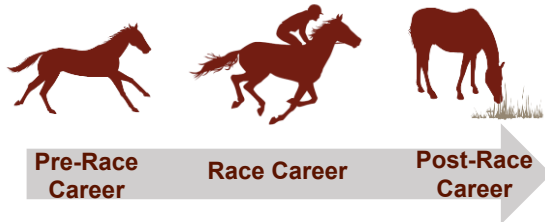
See Appendix A For Roundtable Dates

Consultation Categories

- Integrity, Safety, and the Public Interest in Ontario Horse Racing
- Reducing the Administrative Burden and Removing Unnecessary Barriers
- Shifting to a Modern Regulatory Framework for Horse Racing in Ontario
- Supporting Economic Development and Industry Innovation

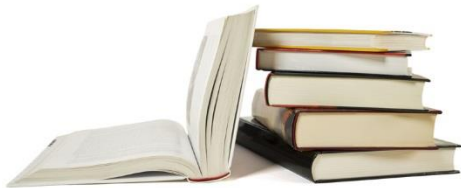


Integrity, Safety, and the Public Interest in Ontario Horse Racing



EQUINE WELFARE

FEEDBACK: Ensure welfare is protected throughout the life cycle of a racehorse and ensure rules and policies are made with equine welfare in mind.



EDUCATION, RESEARCH, INFORMATION SHARING

FEEDBACK: Improve communication and information sharing. Simplify the rules and enhance industry education.



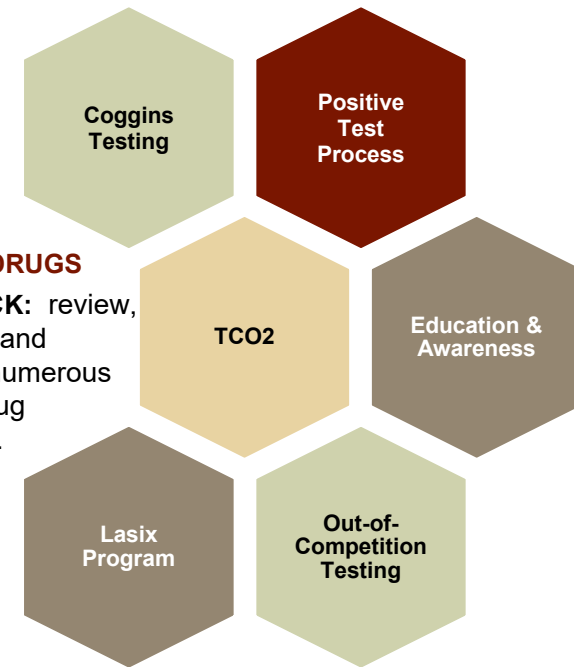
PARTICIPANT SAFETY FOR JOCKEYS AND DRIVERS

FEEDBACK: Increase overall health of participants by establishing concussion protocols, increasing jockey weights, and formalizing safety standards.



RACETRACK MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

FEEDBACK: Develop maintenance standards to ensure race paddocks, backstretches, and race surfaces are safe for all participants.



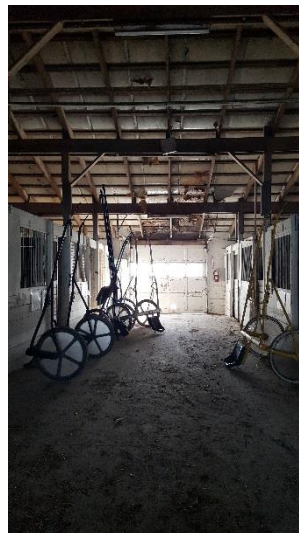
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Reducing the Administrative Burden and Removing Unnecessary Barriers



LICENSING MODERNIZATION

FEEDBACK: Move to online licensing, with the option to purchase a multi-year or multi-breed licence. Ensure services for licensing at the racetracks remain for those who do not have computer access.



LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

FEEDBACK: Review licensing fees, and determine which industry participants need to be licensed by the AGCO. Attempt to streamline licensing operations with other racing jurisdictions.



LICENSING FRACTIONAL OWNERSHIP

FEEDBACK: Clarify and simplify licensing requirements for fractional owners. Increase the percentage required to be licensed as a fractional owner.

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Shifting to a Modern Regulatory Framework for Horse Racing in Ontario



OFFICIATING AND TECHNOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENTS

FEEDBACK: Improve consistency and transparency in officiating, through enhanced communications from Race Officials, Race Official training programs, and enhanced video technology used to review races.

RACE OFFICIAL REVIEW PROCESS AND APPEALS

FEEDBACK: Simplify Race Official review process and communication processes from Race Officials.



FEEDBACK: Allow stays to become automatic at the point of appeal.

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Supporting Economic Development and Industry Innovation



PUBLIC PERCEPTION

FEEDBACK: Economic stability is only possible if the industry and the AGCO are able to ensure the public that racehorses and participants are treated humanely and fairly. The public would likely not support an industry that is not taking action to prevent substandard racehorse care.



INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT ON RULE CHANGES

FEEDBACK: The industry should be included in future rule changes through a more formalized process. Rule changes should aim to simplify and clarify rules, and protect equine welfare.

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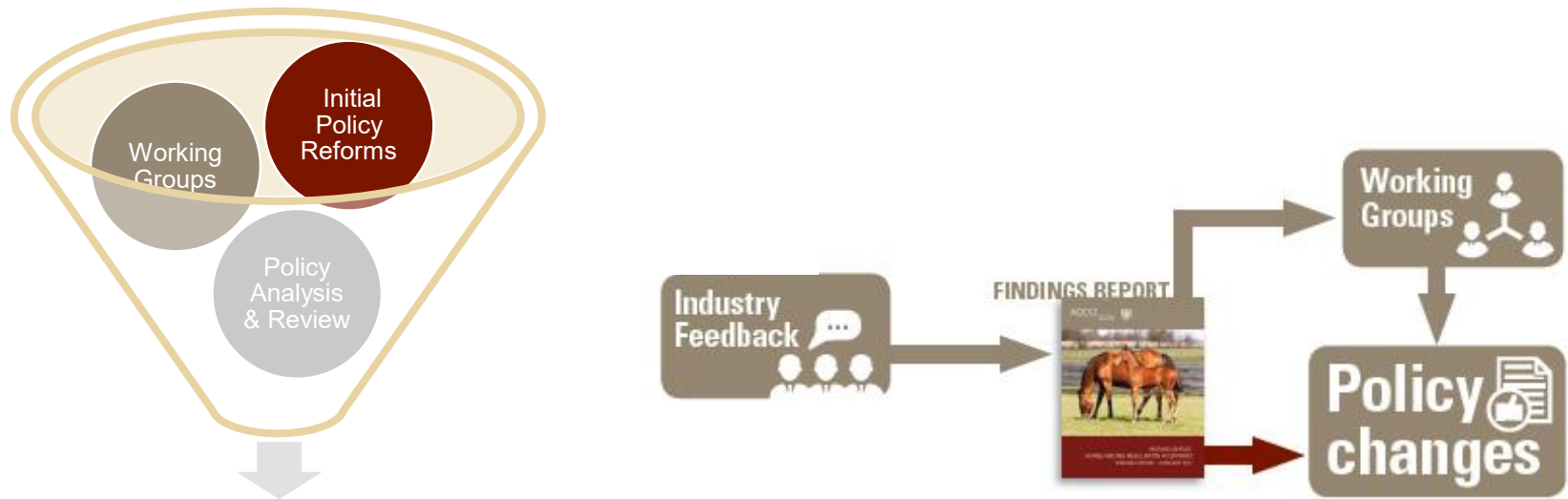
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Next Steps



Horse Racing Reform

Initial Policy Reforms- Reforms that the AGCO is working to begin implementing in 2017.

Working Groups- Industry participants will review more complex policy reforms that require further discussion and industry input for development and implementation.

Policy Analysis and Review - The AGCO will continue to work with industry to develop and review new policies or rules in response to the findings found in the report.

Appendix- Roundtables

1. Quarter Horse Jockeys [October 17, 2016]
2. Quarter Horse Participants [October 24, 2016]
3. Horseplayers [October 25, 2016]
4. Thoroughbred Participants [October 26, 2016]
5. Thoroughbred Jockeys [October 26, 2016]
6. Quarter Horse & Thoroughbred Trainers and Owners [November 3, 2016]
7. Standardbred Participants- Central Ontario [November 15, 2016]
8. Standardbred Participants- Western Ontario [November 16, 2016]
9. Equine Welfare Groups & Veterinarians [November 21, 2016]
10. Racetrack Operators [November 23, 2016]
11. Breeders [November 28, 2016]
12. Government Partners [December 5, 2016]
13. Standardbred Participants- Ottawa [December 12, 2016]
14. Horse Racing Appeal Panel [December 13, 2016]
15. Internal AGCO Subject Matter Experts- Officials [December 14, 2016]
16. Internal AGCO Subject Matter Experts- Inspectors [December 19, 2016]
17. Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency (CPMA) [January 20, 2017]