STEWARDS' INQUIRY REGARDING TRAINER MR MOHAMMED ALMANSOORI IN RESPECT OF THE COBALT FINDING IN A PRE-RACE URINE SAMPLE TAKEN FROM JEELHEM AL SHARQ (AE) AT SHARJAH RACECOURSE ON 16 NOVEMBER 2025, POST-RACE URINE SAMPLE TAKEN FROM GHASSAN (FR) AT ABU DHABI RACECOURSE ON 22 NOVEMBER 2025 AND THE PRE-RACE BLOOD SAMPLE TAKEN FROM JEELHAM AL SHARQ (AE) AT AL AIN RACECOURSE ON 4 DECEMBER 2025.

ERA Offices,
Meydan Racecourse

31 August 2026

Stewards: **Mr Samuel Shinsky (Chair)**
Mr Rashid Alblooshi
Mr Manav Vaya

Emirates Racing Authority Stewards conducted an inquiry at the ERA Offices, Meydan Racecourse, on 31 August 2026, in relation to a number of matters concerning licensed ERA Trainer Mr Mohammed Almansoori, including three race-day cobalt findings involving JEELHEM AL SHARQ (AE) and GHASSAN (FR), the possession of unregistered products at his stable premises, and his failure to notify the Stewards of horses in his care that had bled from one nostril during training.

The Stewards considered the evidence contained in the Brief of Evidence and the evidence and submissions presented during the inquiry by Mr Mohammed Almansoori, ERA Head of Equine Health and Welfare Dr David Craig, ERA Head Investigative Steward Ms Emily Barron and ERA Investigative Steward Dr Sarah Albalooshi. Following consideration of the evidence, Stewards issued Mr Almansoori with five charges.

Charge 1: ERA Rule 95AAA(2)

Mr Mohammed Almansoori, a licensed ERA Trainer for the 2025/26 season, presented JEELHEM AL SHARQ (AE) to race at Sharjah Racecourse on 16 November 2025 in Race 1, which was subsequently found, upon analysis of a pre-race urine sample, to have had cobalt administered to it, as evidenced by the concentration of cobalt in excess of 100 micrograms per litre in urine.
Plea: Guilty

Charge 2: ERA Rule 95AAA(2)

Mr Mohammed Almansoori, a licensed ERA Trainer for the 2025/26 season, presented GHASSAN (FR) to race at Abu Dhabi Racecourse on 22 November 2025 in Race 2, which was subsequently found, upon analysis of a post-race urine sample, to have had cobalt administered to it, as evidenced by the concentration of cobalt in excess of 100 micrograms per litre in urine.
Plea: Guilty

Charge 3: ERA Rule 95AAA(2)

Mr Mohammed Almansoori, a licensed ERA Trainer for the 2025/26 season, presented JEELHEM AL SHARQ (AE) to race at Al Ain Racecourse on 4 December 2025 in Race 3, which was subsequently found, upon analysis of a pre-race blood sample, to have had cobalt administered to it, as evidenced by the concentration of cobalt in excess of 25 micrograms per litre in blood.
Plea: Guilty

Charge 4: ERA Rule 95C(i)
Mr Mohammed Almansoori, a licensed ERA Trainer for the 2025/26 season, had in his possession at his registered stable premises products which were not registered, which could give rise to an offence under ERA Rule 95B.

Plea: Guilty

Charge 5: ERA Rule 11(i)

Mr Mohammed Almansoori, a licensed ERA Trainer for the 2025/26 season, was negligent in failing to comply with ERA Rule 21B(d), in advising the Stewards that horses in his care, namely GHASSAN (FR), SW AL MOHIB (AE) & HEZAAM AL SHARQ (AE), bled from one nostril during training in the summer of 2025.

Plea: Guilty

Penalty Considerations:

Stewards considered the following matters in respect of penalty:

- Mr Almansoori's guilty pleas to all five charges.
- The nature and seriousness of the prohibited substance offences.
- The responsibility of a licensed trainer to present a horse to race free of prohibited substances.
- In respect of the third cobalt charge, that JEELHEM AL SHARQ (AE) was presented to race on 4 December 2025 after Mr Almansoori had been notified on 3 December 2025 of the earlier cobalt findings and advised to exercise caution in relation to horses entered to race.
- The requirement for trainers to ensure that products in their possession comply with the ERA Rules.
- The importance of trainers promptly reporting incidents of epistaxis in accordance with the ERA Rules.
- The principles of specific and general deterrence and the need to protect the integrity and reputation of racing.
- Previous penalties issued for similar cases.

Penalty Imposed

Charge 1 – ERA Rule 95AAA(2): Stewards determined the appropriate penalty to be a period of 12 months disqualification, commencing on 31 August 2026.

Charge 2 – ERA Rule 95AAA(2): Stewards determined the appropriate penalty to be a period of 12 months disqualification, to be served concurrently with the period of disqualification imposed for Charge 1.

Charge 3 – ERA Rule 95AAA(2): Stewards determined the appropriate penalty to be a period of 18 months disqualification, to be served concurrently with the period of disqualification imposed for Charges 1 and 2. Accordingly, the total period of disqualification imposed in respect of the three breaches of ERA Rule 95AAA(2) is one years and six months, commencing on 31 August 2026 and expiring at midnight on 28 February 2028.

Charge 4 – ERA Rule 95C(i): Mr Almansoori was fined AED 5,000.

Charge 5 – ERA Rule 11(i): Mr Almansoori was fined AED 2,000.

Disqualification of Horses

Pursuant to ERA Rule 86(ii), JEELHEM AL SHARQ (AE) was disqualified from Race 1 at Sharjah Racecourse on 16 November 2025 and Race 3 at Al Ain Racecourse on 4 December 2025. GHASSAN (FR) was disqualified from Race 2 at Abu Dhabi Racecourse on 22 November 2025.

Mr Almansoori was advised of his rights of appeal against the Stewards' decision.

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Head of Integrity and Regulation