

The Association of Irish Racehorse Owners

To: The Review Committee:

On behalf of Irish Racehorse Owners we would seek to have copyright legislation introduced that would potentially enable Racehorse Owners recover some of the cost of their investment in the Horse Racing Industry.

Owners currently pay the Horse Racing Authority to register their colours and racehorses but do not benefit in any financial way from media usage or images of either of these items.

In addition to the cost of registration, the total cost of keeping a racehorse in training, and thereby providing much needed employment, is very significant and owners feel very strongly that commercial gain, from the product provided by them, should have legislative protection.

It would be appreciated if this issue could be taken on board when completing the above mentioned review.