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Mrs. Deborah Johnson, President  
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Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Thank you for submitting your request on behalf of the Arabian Horse Association for a Presidential Modification to AR106.10. A Presidential Modification is granted in cases of extraordinary, special circumstances. When measured against that criterion, it has been determined that your request does meet the standard for a Presidential Modification and therefore is approved.

As a result, effective immediately and through the remainder of the 2023 competition year, the Arabian Chapter rule AR106.10 will be amended to read as follows:

**AR106 Shoeing Regulations, Artificial Markings and Appliances**

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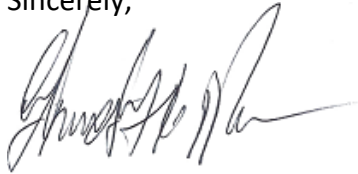
10. Any change of color or markings other than mane, tail or hoof is prohibited. Competitors may not change the color or markings of the horse's hide and leg/body hair. **No substance may be used to alter the color of the tongue, saliva, or mouth of the horse.** Only clear grooming materials are allowed on the hide and leg/body hair. Materials may be used to remove stains.

Please note, this rule modification is valid through the end of the 2023 competition year. Should a modification of the rule continue to be necessary until such time as the USEF Board approves a rule change, a new request for Presidential Modification will need to be submitted.

Additionally, if the rule that requires adjustment creates a safety or welfare issue as currently written, the Arabian Horse Association should consider submitting a rule change proposal and request the Legislative Committee certify it to have extraordinary status.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Federation office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas F. X. O'Mara". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Thomas F. X. O'Mara  
President

cc: William J. Moroney, CEO  
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