§ 1017. Out-of-state or out-of-country races. 1. Licensed simulcast facilities may accept wagers and display the signal of out-of-state or out-of-country thoroughbred tracks after 7:30 P.M. in accordance with the provisions of this section. Such simulcasting may include mixed meetings if such meetings are integral to such racing programs and all such wagering on such races shall be construed to be thoroughbred races. For facilities located within the special betting district, such approval shall also be required from a thoroughbred racing corporation during the period a racing program is being conducted at such track. Such approval shall not be required on any day such thoroughbred racing corporation is also accepting an out-of-state or out-of-country signal and wager, as authorized by this section. The provisions of section one thousand sixteen of this article shall be applicable to the conduct of such simulcasting and the provisions of clauses (A) and (B) of subparagraph four of paragraph b of subdivision one of section one thousand sixteen of this article shall apply to those facilities licensed in accordance with sections one thousand eight and one thousand nine of this article and the provisions of clauses (A) and (B) of subparagraph six of paragraph b of subdivision one of section one thousand sixteen of this article shall apply to those facilities licensed in accordance with section one thousand seven of this article, when such provisions are in full force and effect pursuant to such section. Provided, however, the provisions of section one thousand fourteen of this article shall be applicable to the conduct of such simulcasting, when such provisions are in full force and effect pursuant to such section.

2. a. Maintenance of effort. Any off-track betting corporation that engages in accepting wagers on the simulcasts of thoroughbred races from out-of-state or out-of-country as permitted under subdivision one of this section shall submit to the commission, for its approval, a schedule of payments to be made in any year or portion thereof, that such off-track corporation engages in nighttime thoroughbred simulcasting. In order to be approved by the commission, the payment schedule shall be identical to the actual payments and distributions of such payments to tracks and purses made by such off-track corporation pursuant to the provisions of section one thousand fifteen of this

article during the year two thousand two, as derived from out-of-state harness races displayed after 6:00 P.M. If approved by the commission, such scheduled payments shall be made from revenues derived from any simulcasting conducted pursuant to this section and section one thousand fifteen of this article.

b. Additional payments. During each calendar year, to the extent, and at such time in the event, that aggregate statewide wagering handle after 7:30 P.M. on out-of-state and out-of-country thoroughbred races exceeds one hundred million dollars, each off-track betting corporation conducting such simulcasting shall pay to its regional harness track or tracks, an amount equal to two percent of its proportionate share of such excess handle. In any region where there are two or more regional harness tracks, such two percent shall be divided between or among the tracks in a proportion equal to the proportion of handle on live harness races conducted at such tracks during the preceding calendar year. Fifty percent of the sum received by each track pursuant to this paragraph shall be used exclusively for increasing purses, stakes and prizes at that regional harness track. For the purpose of determining whether such aggregate statewide handle exceeds one hundred million dollars, all wagering on such thoroughbred races accepted by licensed multi-jurisdictional account wagering providers from customers within New York state shall be excluded.