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Cc: - Court of Arbitration for Sport

Lausanne, 28 September 2009

Olympic Movement Medical Code

Dear Sir, Madam,

Please note that the IOC has decided to abrogate the current edition of the Olympic Movement Medical Code (- i.e. in force as from 1 January 2006) and replace it with a new version of such Code (- i.e. in force as from 1 October 2009).

The new version of the Olympic Movement Medical Code applies to the Olympic Games, beginning with the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Winter Games.

Please note that the substantive changes between this new version of the Olympic Movement Medical Code and the version which it is replacing can be summarised as follows:

- (i) the new version is expressed as a series of goals and objectives, as opposed to formal legal obligations; and
- (ii) on a related note, the clause regarding the complaints procedure (- i.e. Section 12 of the earlier version) has been deleted.

Please note that this new version of the Olympic Movement Medical Code can be found, in English and French, on the IOC website <http://www.olympic.org/medical>.

The IOC leaves it up to you to adopt, distribute and monitor the compliance of this new version of the Olympic Movement Medical Code as you deem fit, within your sport or organisation, as the case may be. On a related note, it is up to you as to the extent that you wish to impose sanctions on the persons within your jurisdiction who do not respect the terms of such Code.

Yours sincerely,

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