TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA

Circular no. 1125

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Revised FIFA Players’ Agents Regulations

Dear Sir or Madam,

As you are probably aware, the FIFA Executive Committee adopted the revised FIFA Players’ Agents Regulations at its meeting held in Zurich, Switzerland, on 29 October 2007.

This new set of rules governing the activity of licensed players’ agents will come into force on 1 January 2008. We are pleased to enclose a copy of these regulations. Please be informed that the revised regulations are also available in all four official languages (English, French, German and Spanish) on the FIFA website (www.FIFA.com). For each of the four official languages, a separately bound regulations booklet has been created and will be sent to every FIFA member association in due course.

The revised regulations are presented in a new, user-friendly layout with a clear structure comprising ten chapters and three annexes. The prerequisites/requirements for obtaining a players’ agent licence are clearly defined and a comprehensive “fit and proper person” test to become a players’ agent has been introduced.

The main aim of these revised regulations is to enable FIFA to extend control over the activity of players’ agents by means of provisions which are also binding at national level. At the same time, and within the scope of the aforementioned aim, the regulations seek to restrict the activities of non-licensed players’ agents. In doing so, transparency in transactions involving players’ agents should be safeguarded. So as to ensure compliance with the revised regulations, a number of tasks related to compliance, reporting and administrative duties are, where appropriate, delegated to the member associations of FIFA.
Furthermore, the revised FIFA Players’ Agents Regulations introduce the application of a limitation on the validity of the licence issued to the players’ agents. Under the current regulations (2000 edition), players’ agent licences were issued with an indefinite duration. Now the validity is limited and a procedure for re-examination has been introduced. Every agent is required to reapply to sit the exam every five years. These provisions are meant to ensure that licensed players’ agents keep themselves up to date with potential changes in national and international regulations that are connected to their activity as players’ agents.

The member associations of FIFA are required to implement and enforce these regulations in accordance with the duties assigned therein by no later than 31 December 2009. However, each association shall implement Chapter III of the revised regulations, (“Acquisition and loss of players’ agent licence”) with immediate effect, i.e. from 1 January 2008.

In addition, the member associations shall draw up their own regulations which shall incorporate the principles established in the revised regulations and may only deviate where the provisions of the latter do not comply with the laws applicable in the territory of the association. The associations shall submit their regulations and any relevant amendments to the FIFA Players’ Status Committee for prior approval within two years of the present regulations coming into force.

We kindly ask the member associations of FIFA to issue a copy of the present circular and its enclosures to all the players’ agents licensed by their association for their perusal.

We thank you for your attention to the foregoing and remain at your entire disposal for any further information that you may require.

Yours faithfully,

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Jerôme Valcke
General Secretary

Enc.: - Copy of the revised Players’ Agents Regulations
       - Code of Professional Conduct (Annexe 1 of the revised regulations)
       - Insurance policy and bank guarantee (Annexe 2 of the revised regulations)
       - Standard representation contract (Annexe 3 of the revised regulations)

cc: - Executive Committee
    - Players’ Status Committee
    - Confederations