To the members of FIFA

Circular No. 1143

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Doping Control Regulations

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to enclose three copies of the Doping Control Regulations and further copies are available upon request.

The main changes to the regulations are as follows:

Administrative arrangements

1. The FIFA Doping Control Sub-Committee reserves the right, together with the relevant organising committee, to arrange random, no-advance notice doping tests for all qualifying and final matches of FIFA competitions, including friendly matches during the preparatory period. The Doping Control Sub-Committee shall also decide at which laboratory among those recognised by WADA the analysis of such tests shall be carried out. In addition, unannounced doping tests may also be performed outside of the above-mentioned competitions, for example during team training camps and/or at the clubs of the players who have been selected.

List of classes of prohibited substances and prohibited methods

1. The list of classes of prohibited substances and methods (Appendix A) has been taken from the 2008 Prohibited List, International Standard which came into effect on 1 January 2008.

Prohibited methods

M2. Chemical and physical manipulation
2. Intravenous infusion is prohibited. In an acute medical situation where this method is deemed necessary, a retroactive Therapeutic Use Exemption will be required.

The FIFA Sports Medical Committee advises all member associations to take careful note of the updated FIFA Doping Control Regulations as well as acquaint themselves with the stipulations in order to avoid any misunderstanding.
We thank you for your appreciated support in the fight against drug abuse in football.

Yours faithfully,
FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Jérôme Valcke
Secretary General

End: 3 copies of the Doping Control Regulations

Cc:
- Executive Committee
- Sports Medical Committee
- Confederations