To the national associations
of FIFA

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Dear General Secretary,

Amendments to the FIFA Players’ Agents Regulations

The FIFA Executive Committee has agreed upon certain amendments to the Players’ Agents Regulations (edition December 2000). Please find enclosed the wording of the revised version of the articles concerned.

As you will note, the changes concern applicants and candidates within the European Union (EU) and the European Economic Area (EEA) and apply, in particular, to the provisions, governing the competence of the national associations to deal with individual applications (cf. art. 2 par. 1 of the Regulations) and the conclusion of professional liability insurance (cf. art. 6 par. 1 of the Regulations).

The new wording will have the following specific effects: If a prospective agent lives in a different EU/EEA country from the country of which he is a national, he will be allowed to take the written examination at the national association of his country of legal domicile, without the obligation to have lived there constantly for at least two years. Furthermore, national associations within the EU/EEA will expressly be allowed also to accept insurance cover from any insurance company based in another EU/EEA country.

In order to avoid unnecessary misunderstandings and uncertainties with respect to the examination session scheduled to be held at the national associations in March 2002, these new Regulations will enter into force on 1 April 2002. The provision concerning professional liability insurance (art. 6 par. 1 of the Regulations), will have a retroactive effect. This means that an agent living inside the EU/EEA wishing to replace his insurance policy with a new one issued by an insurance company in another EU/EEA country, is at liberty to do so.
We kindly ask you to inform the players’ agents licensed by your national association accordingly and thank you for your valuable cooperation.

Yours faithfully,
FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE
DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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General Secretary

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