

TO THE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS OF FIFA

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Commentary on the Rules Governing Eligibility to Play for Representative Teams

Dear Sir or Madam,

Following the amendments to the rules governing eligibility to play for representative teams in the Regulations Governing the Application of the Statutes (**RGAS**), which were adopted by the 70th FIFA Congress on 18 September 2020, FIFA is pleased to inform you of the release of its first Commentary on the Rules Governing Eligibility to Play for Representative Teams (**Commentary**).

The Commentary provides all stakeholders with a comprehensive explanation of this very specific and technical set of rules. Following requests from several member associations, the Commentary also contains clarifications concerning new provisions of the RGAS, particularly article 9.

The Commentary is accompanied by the first Guide to Submitting a Request for Eligibility or Change of Association (**Guide**). The Guide offers an overview of the legal procedure and documents required for any eligibility or change-of-association request submitted to the Players' Status Committee.

The [Commentary](#) and [Guide](#) are available in all four official FIFA languages (English, French, German and Spanish) at legal.fifa.com.

Please do not hesitate to contact Erika Montemor Ferreira, Head of Players' Status, at legal@fifa.org if you have any questions in connection with the above.

Yours faithfully,

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 - Football Stakeholders Committee
 - Players' Status Committee
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 - European Club Association (ECA)
 - World Leagues Forum