

TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA

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International Match Calendar – Amended dates for “Double-Dates”

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please be informed that on the occasion of its last meeting held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 29 September 2009, amongst other things, the FIFA Executive Committee decided to amend the dates listed in the international match calendar concerning the so-called “double-dates”.

In this respect, first of all, we would like to emphasise that the amendments in question do not alter in any way the principles of FIFA’s regulations regarding the release of players to association teams (cf. in particular, Annexe 1 of the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players), but are a mere adaptation of the pertinent dates.

Specifically, the FIFA Executive Committee decided to change the dates listed in the international match calendar for “double-dates” so as for them to cover the period Friday/Saturday/Tuesday as opposed to the current positioning Saturday/Wednesday.

The amendment will not have any impact on the time a player will have to remain at disposal of his association for international duties. Equally, it will not affect the period of time the player needs to be released by his club for the preparation of the international matches. On the other hand, however, the change will allow for players to have one more day to recover when returning to their clubs from international duties prior to the next commitment for their clubs in the national championships. We are confident that this will last but not least also have a positive impact on the physical condition of the players.

Finally, we would like to emphasise that, in order not to interfere on too short notice with the dates listed in the international match calendar, the FIFA Executive Committee decided to adapt the dates of the relevant “double-dates” as of the 2010 calendar only. This means that the first dates concerned are those of September 2010.

We thank you for taking note of the above and remain at your disposal should you require further clarification.

Yours faithfully,
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