

# MEMO



**To: National Federations**  
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**Re: Anti-Doping Controls on Human Athletes at the**  
**FEI World Equestrian Games in Aachen**

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Dear Members,

Please be informed that all competitors participating in the FEI World Equestrian Games in Aachen, including the non-Olympic disciplines, may be subject to anti-doping controls. FEI General Regulations Article 145.5 provides that all international competitors may be tested.

The list of prohibited substances ("Prohibited List"), updated annually by the World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA"), defines what is prohibited in- and out-of-competition for a human athlete. The most current edition of the Prohibited List is posted on FEI's website at: [http://www.horsesport.org/FEI/fei\\_05\\_04.html](http://www.horsesport.org/FEI/fei_05_04.html).

Athletes should know that, under the WADA Code and the FEI Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes, they are strictly liable whenever a prohibited substance is found in their bodily specimen. This means that a violation occurs whether or not the athlete intentionally or unintentionally, knowingly or unknowingly, used a prohibited substance or was negligent or otherwise at fault. It is very important therefore for athletes to understand not only what is prohibited, but also what might potentially cause an inadvertent doping violation. Ignorance is never an excuse.

Therefore, athletes should always make their doctor aware that they are bound by the Prohibited List. The substances that an athlete may be required to take to treat a medical condition could fall under the List. However, by applying and obtaining a therapeutic use exemption ("TUE") in advance from the FEI, an athlete may be allowed to take the necessary medicine.

The TUE will be taken into consideration if the substance is detected in the athlete's sample, and it will protect the athlete from sanctions if the medical justification is confirmed. A leaflet addressing the common questions on TUEs and the application forms are available on the FEI website at the address mentioned above.

For any questions, please contact Annie Cormier Smith ([a.cormier@horsesport.org](mailto:a.cormier@horsesport.org)) at the FEI Legal Department.

Yours sincerely,

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