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Dear Aleksandra Rola,

NOTIFICATION OF ISSUED DECISION IN RELATION TO ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATION

This is an important letter. It explains the disciplinary proceedings under IMMAF's Anti-Doping Rules concerning an Anti-Doping Rule Violation committed by Ms Aleksandra ROLA and sets out the consequences to be applied.

Further to IMMAF's letter of 1st September 2016 in which we explained that a valid Therapeutic Use Exemption is needed to authorise use of the prohibited substance found in your sample collected at the 2016 World Championships, no further response has been received from you, or from your representative or National Anti-Doping Organisation. In the absence of any information regarding an approved TUE, IMMAF must presume that no valid authorisation has been agreed by the Polish Anti-Doping Organisation. As a strict liability offence, IMMAF has no option but to progress disciplinary action as set out in IMMAF's letter of 10th August 2016. According to our records, you do not have a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) to justify the presence of the above named substances in your system. Therefore IMMAF considers you have admitted the anti-doping rule violation.

In the absence of any further response from you, IMMAF considers the email submissions made on your behalf by Ms Pawal Kowalik on 18th August 2016, confirming your prescription of spironolactone for a medical condition to be an admission of use.

Despite several requests from IMMAF, no valid TUE has been received to authorise use of this prohibited substance as classified by the 2016 Prohibited List of Substances and Methods adopted by IMMAF, at the time of testing.

On the basis of your prompt admission, IMMAF has considered whether there are grounds to reduce the applicable period of ineligibility of four years previously proposed by IMMAF, as allowed by Article 10.6.3 of the IMMAF Anti-Doping Rules.

Article 10.6.3 states "Prompt Admission of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation after being confronted with a Violation Sanctionable under Article 10.2.1...

An Athlete or other Person potentially subject to a four year sanction under Article 10.2.1 ... by promptly admitting the asserted anti-doping rule violation after being confronted by IMMAF, and also on the approval and at the discretion of both WADA and IMMAF, may receive a reduction in the period of Ineligibility down to a minimum of two years, depending on the seriousness of the violation and the Athlete or other Person's degree of Fault."

IMMAF considers this to be a serious offence and is frustrated at the lack of response regarding the outcome of a TUE application to your National Anti-Doping Organisation; however at its discretion IMMAF is also able to take into account the following:

Furthermore your sample returned a finding of **canrenone** and **7 α -thiomethylspironolactone**, metabolites of **spironolactone**, which are classified as S5 Diuretics and Masking Agents. **Spironolactone is a Specified Substance for the purposes of considering disciplinary action.**

Article 10.2 of the IMMAF Anti-Doping Rules provides that the period of ineligibility for a violation of Article 2 resulting from a Specified Substance shall be two years.

Taking this information into account with your prompt admission, IMMAF concludes that the period of ineligibility from competition, activities organised, convened, authorised or recognised by IMMAF, its member organisations, of two (2) years must be imposed upon you.

Results you obtained at the 2016 World Championships are disqualified, including forfeiture of all medals, points and prizes. Your membership of IMMAF and its national member organisations is suspended for the period of this sanction and this ineligibility to compete shall be recognised by other sports and organisations applying mutual recognition. In accordance with Article 10.11.12, this suspension shall commence from the date of sample collection (10 July 2016) through to midnight on 09 July 2018. During this period of ineligibility, you shall remain subject to testing, as a condition of eligibility to return to the sport. A full statement of the issued decision which shall be published, as required by Article 14.3, is attached.

You have the right to appeal against this determination or any part of it, in accordance with Article 13, to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. The time to file an appeal shall be 21 days from the receipt of this decision. This decision shall remain in place whilst under appeal. Article 13.2.3 sets out other

parties with a right of appeal against this decision. **Please note the deadline for appeal is 24th January 2017.**

If you wish to discuss the contents of this letter please call or email Densign White on +447990079505 as soon as possible. This letter is being sent also to your national federation and the World Anti-Doping Agency who are obligated to keep the contents of this letter strictly confidential pending resolution of this matter.

Yours Sincerely

Densign White

Chief Executive

International Mixed Martial Arts Federation

Copy to: MMAF – Poland
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Issued Decision – Aleksandra Rola - Anti-Doping Rule Violation

This document explains the disciplinary proceedings under IMMAF’s Anti-Doping Rules concerning an Anti-Doping Rule Violation committed by Ms Aleksandra Rola and sets out consequences applied.

Background and Facts

1. IMMAF is the International Federation for Mixed Martial Arts. The IMMAF Anti-Doping Policy applies to all members and competitions, activities organised, convened, authorised or recognised by IMMAF.
2. Ms Aleksandra ROLA participated in the category Womens Strawweight of the IMMAF World Championships 2016 held in Las Vegas USA. Following the final bout on 10th July 2016, a no-notice in-competition doping control test carried out on Ms Rola, was analysed at a World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) accredited laboratory, UCLA, in accordance with the procedures set out in the WADA International Standard for Laboratories. The analysis revealed adverse findings for the presence of the following Prohibited Substances :
 - a. **canrenone** and **7 α -thiomethylspironolactone**, metabolites of **spironolactone**, classified as Diuretics and Masking Agents (S5) on the 2016 Prohibited List of Substances and Methods, adopted by IMMAF as part of its Anti-Doping Policy.
3. Ms Rola does not have, nor has he ever held, a Therapeutic Use Exemption in respect of these substances.
4. On 10th August 2016, IMMAF issued a ‘Notification of an Adverse Analytical Finding’, relating to the commission of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation pursuant to Article 2.1 of IMMAF’s Anti-Doping Rules (Presence of Prohibited Substances). The Notification explained the facts concluding the adverse findings in the A Sample, procedures for analysis of the B Sample should these findings be disputed and consequences for admission or confirmation of an ADRV. Ms Rola was provisionally suspended from all competition from 10th August 2016.
5. Ms Rola has declined to challenge the assertion that this finding constitutes an Anti-Doping Rule Violation under the IMMAF Anti-Doping Policy and has therefore waived the B Sample analysis, thus admitting the commission of an Anti-Doping Rule Violation. This decision records the Consequences to be applied in respect of admission of that violation.

Anti-Doping Rules, Admission and Consequences

6. Ms Rola has committed a violation pursuant to Article 2.1 which provides that the Presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in an Athlete's Sample constitutes a violation.
7. In accordance with Article 10.2, (Ineligibility for Presence, Use or Attempted Use, or Possession of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method), the relevant sanction to be applied for a first offence, (subject to potential reduction or suspension pursuant to Article 10.4, 10.5, 10.6), shall be four years, where:

The Anti-Doping Rule Violation does not involve a Specified Substance (as defined by the IMMAF Prohibited List, unless the Athlete can establish the ADRV was not intentional, or the ADRV does involve a Specified Substance and IMMAF can establish that the ADRV was intentional. If either does not apply the period of ineligibility shall be two years.
8. Evidence provided on behalf of Ms Rola indicates the possibility of a medical justification for the use of this prohibited substance, suggesting that her action was not intending to cheat, however the absence of an approved, valid Therapeutic Use Exemption means that approved medical justification was not in place at the time of testing. Therefore any reduction of sanction under this clause is at IMMAF's discretion.
9. Article 10.6.3 provides that Ms Rola may receive a reduction in the period of Ineligibility down to a minimum of two years' if she has made a prompt admission; any reduction depends on "the seriousness of the violation and Ms Rola's 'degree of Fault'. Ms Rola is considered to have made a prompt admission of the Anti-Doping Rule Violation through the submission of medical information and acceded to the consequences specified by IMMAF (or is deemed to have done so in accordance with Article 7.10), waiving B Sample Analysis and accepting the result of her A Sample. IMMAF has considered the seriousness of the violation, including the fact that the substance detected is a "specified" substance; IMMAF has grounds to exercise its discretion to reduce the period of ineligibility.
10. Consequently the period of ineligibility from competitions, activities organised, convened, authorised or recognised by IMMAF, its member organisations, of four (4) years, shall, at IMMAF's discretion be reduced by two years.
11. Results obtained at the 2016 World Championships are disqualified, including forfeiture of all medals, points and prizes. Ms Rola's membership of IMMAF and its national member organisations is suspended for the period of this sanction and this ineligibility to compete shall be recognised by other sports and organisations applying mutual recognition. Ms Rola has been Provisionally Suspended since the date of the Notification; in accordance with Article 10.11.12, her suspension shall commence from the date of sample collection (10 July 2016) through to midnight on 09 July 2018. During this period of ineligibility, Ms Rola shall remain subject to testing, as a condition of eligibility to return to the sport. She may return to train with a team or use the facilities of a club or other member organisation during the last two months of the period of ineligibility.

12. Ms Rola, MMAF Poland and WADA have a right of appeal against this determination or any part of it, in accordance with Article 13, to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. The time to file an appeal shall be 21 days from the receipt of this decision. This decision shall remain in place whilst under appeal. A full statement of the final issued decision shall be published, as required by Article 14.3.

13. Summary: IMMAF has issued this decision which records that

- Ms Rola has committed an Anti-Doping Rule Violation pursuant to Article 2.1,
- The period of ineligibility imposed is two years,
- Results obtained at the 2016 World Championship are disqualified.

Densign White

Chief Executive

International Mixed Martial Arts Federation