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DOPING VIOLATION

Australian bodybuilder's sanction increased to two years following successful appeal

The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) today welcomed the decision of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) to increase the sanction imposed on bodybuilder Kelli Johnson from six months to two years.

In September 2007, Ms Johnson competed at the 25th Women's IFBB World Championships held in Spain. On Ms Johnson's return to Australia the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service examined her carry-on hand luggage and seized a carton of testosterone 40mg troche with 13 tablets remaining in it.

Following an investigation by ASADA the matter was referred to the International Federation of BodyBuilding and Fitness (IFBB) as an alleged violation of doping rules for the possession and use of the substances testosterone and dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA).

On 7 December 2008, the IFBB Hearing Panel imposed a six-month sanction on Ms Johnson for the possession and use of the substances testosterone and dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA).

On 20 July 2009, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) lodged an appeal with CAS against the decision of the IFBB Hearing Panel.

On 1 February 2010, CAS ruled that:

- Ms Johnson is sanctioned with a two-year period of ineligibility, with the six-month ban already served to be credited against that period
- all competitive results obtained by Ms Johnson from 7 September 2008 be disqualified along with the forfeiture of any medals, points or prizes.

Ms Johnson is ineligible to compete in any national and international sports that have adopted the World Anti-Doping Code until midnight on 1 February 2011.

Media note: Copy of the CAS Arbitral Award is available on the [WADA website](#).

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