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DOPING VIOLATION

Weightlifter Gordon Laurie gets two-year ban for doping

Weightlifting Australia's decision to impose a two-year sanction on Gordon Laurie for the presence and use of a prohibited substance was today welcomed by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA).

ASADA collected an out-of-competition sample from Mr Laurie on 31 August 2009 which returned a positive test for clenbuterol.

The World Anti-Doping Code (the Code) categorises clenbuterol as a class S1 Anabolic Agent. The substance is prohibited under the Code and athletes in possession, using or attempting to use this prohibited substance potentially face serious penalties, including a lifetime ban for second offences.

Clenbuterol is a potentially dangerous drug and is banned for human use in Australia. Unsupervised use of clenbuterol can worsen pre-existing heart conditions or hypertension, and there is a risk of overdose and stroke when used at high doses.

In cases of athlete abuse, clenbuterol is commonly used to strip fat and enhance muscle size. It also has short term stimulate effects like increases in aerobic capacity, blood pressure and alertness.

Mr Laurie is ineligible to compete in any national and international sports that have adopted the World Anti-Doping Code until midnight on 4 November 2011.

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