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DOPING VIOLATION

Two-year sporting ban for bodybuilder Robert Berridge

The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) today acknowledged the decision of the International Natural Bodybuilding Association (INBA) to impose a two-year sporting ban on Robert Berridge for testing positive to methylhexaneamine.

This prohibited substance was detected in a sample ASADA collected in-competition from Mr Berridge at the INBA NSW Natural Physique Titles on 26 September 2010.

Mr Berridge's ban for the presence and use of methylhexaneamine means he is ineligible to participate, as an athlete or support person, in any sport that has adopted a World Anti-Doping Agency compliant anti-doping policy until 8 June 2013.

The results obtained by Mr Berridge at the event are also disqualified and any medals, points and prizes awarded to him are forfeited.

Methylhexaneamine, also referred to as dimethylamylamine and dimethylpentylamine, is classed as an S6 stimulant on the World Anti-Doping Agency's Prohibited List and is prohibited in-competition.

Generally, stimulants act directly on the central nervous system to speed up parts of the brain and body. They can increase alertness and reduce fatigue in athletes.

ASADA is continuing to work with the sporting community to educate athletes and support personnel about this substance and supplements. Any athletes unaware of their responsibilities are encouraged to seek additional information online at ASADA's website www.asada.gov.au

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Media note: Cases involving other athletes who have tested positive to methylhexaneamine are ongoing. Due to ASADA's strict legislative requirements, ASADA will not discuss these other positive test results (including identifying the athletes or sports involved) until the matters are concluded.

