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DOPING VIOLATION

Two-year sporting ban for Rugby Union player Trent Anderson

The Australian Rugby Union's (ARU) decision to impose a two-year ban on amateur rugby player Trent Anderson for the possession and attempted use of growth hormone releasing peptide (GHRP-6) was today acknowledged by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA).

The Australian Customs and Border Protection Service seized a package at the International Mail Sydney Gateway Facility on 14 October 2010 and notified ASADA.

Following an investigation by ASADA, the matter was referred to the ARU as a potential violation of its anti-doping code.

Mr Anderson's ban, which was backdated to the date of his provisional suspension, means he is ineligible to participate as an athlete or support person until 16 July 2013, in any sports that have adopted a World Anti-Doping Agency compliant anti-doping policy.

GHRP-6 is not approved for human use in Australia. Anyone considering the use of this substance should be aware that it may involve potentially serious health consequences.

GHRP-6 stimulates the anterior pituitary gland to secrete an increased amount of growth hormone following intake. A main role of growth hormone is to stimulate insulin-like growth factor 1 which can promote bone, muscle and organ growth.

Any athletes unaware of their anti-doping responsibilities are encouraged to seek additional information online at ASADA's website www.asada.gov.au

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Media note: The World Anti-Doping Code (the Code) categorises GHRP-6 under 'S2: peptide hormones, growth factors and related substances'. The substance is prohibited at all times 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.

