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## DOPING VIOLATION

### Warning and reprimand for handball player Tayler Darlington

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The Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) today acknowledged the Australian Handball Federation's (AHF) decision to issue player Tayler Darlington with a warning and reprimand after testing positive to a high concentration of salbutamol.

Primarily used in the treatment of asthma and other medical conditions, salbutamol can also have performance enhancing effects.

An in-competition sample provided by Ms Darlington to the French Anti-Doping Agency (AFLD) on 8 November 2009 at La Foa, New Caledonia was found to contain salbutamol at a concentration greater than the World Anti-Doping Agency's threshold of 1000 ng/ml.

Salbutamol at such a concentration is regarded as an adverse analytical finding under the World Anti-Doping Code (the Code) unless the athlete can prove, via undertaking a controlled pharmacokinetic study, that the abnormal result was the consequence of inhaling salbutamol for therapeutic purposes.

AHF was satisfied as to how the salbutamol entered Ms Darlington's body and that that Ms Darlington did not use the substance with the intent to enhance her sport performance.

ASADA supports the decision of AHF to exercise its right of discretion in this matter and impose a warning and reprimand on Ms Darlington with no period of ineligibility for the presence and use of this substance.

This case is a further reminder to athletes to be mindful of the status of their medications under the Code. Any athlete unaware of their responsibilities are advised to seek additional information online at [www.asada.gov.au](http://www.asada.gov.au) or to call ASADA on 13 000 ASADA (13 000 27232).

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