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THE CAS IMPOSES A REPRIMAND ON THE CZECH KAYAKER JAN STERBA

London, 1 August 2012 – The ad hoc Division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has partially upheld an application of the International Canoeing Federation (ICF) requesting that the Czech kayaker Jan Sterba be suspended for an anti-doping rule violation (beta-methylphenylethylamine) committed in May 2012.

On 9 July 2012, the ICF Doping Control Panel found Jan Sterba guilty of a doping offence and imposed a 6-month period of ineligibility on him. On 24 July 2012, the ICF Court of Arbitration determined that he did not commit any anti-doping rule violation and lifted the sanction.

A CAS Panel composed of Mr Efraim Barak (Israel), President, Mr Ricardo de Buen (Mexico) and Mr Thomas Lee (Malaysia) held a hearing last night from 6pm to 1am. Both parties were represented by legal advisers; the athlete was present in person.

The CAS Panel rendered its decision this morning: it annulled the decision of the ICF Court of Arbitration, found Jan Sterba guilty of an anti-doping rule violation and imposed a reprimand on the athlete, who remains eligible to compete in his event at the 2012 Olympic Games (kayak).

The full decision with the grounds will be published on the CAS website (www.tas-cas.org) in a few days.

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