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WEIGHTLIFTING – ANTI-DOPING

THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS) DISMISSES THE APPEAL OF ALEXEI LOVCHEV

Lausanne, 15 July 2016 - The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has dismissed the appeal filed by the Russian weightlifter Alexei Lovchev against a decision issued by the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) on 13 May 2016 in which a four-year period of ineligibility was imposed on the athlete, and his results at the 2015 IWF World Championships were cancelled, further to an anti-doping rule infraction (positive anti-doping test for ipamorelin, a growth hormone releasing peptide). Accordingly, the IWF decision is confirmed in full.

Alexei Lovchev filed an appeal at the CAS on 1 June 2016 seeking to obtain an annulment of the IWF decision. The Panel of CAS arbitrators appointed to decide the matter held a hearing at the CAS Court Office on 6 July 2016 and has notified its decision to the parties today. The full award with the grounds will follow at a later date.

For further information related to the CAS activity and procedures in general, please contact either Matthieu Reeb, CAS Secretary General, or Katy Hogg, Communications Officer. Château de Béthusy, Avenue de Beaumont 2, 1012 Lausanne, Switzerland. <u>media@tas-cas.org</u>; Tel: (41 21) 613 50 00; fax: (41 21) 613 50 01, or consult the CAS website: <u>www.tas-cas.org</u>

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