

IAAF NOTICE ON THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTION RECOGNITION

Introduction

An International-Level Athlete¹ who needs to use a prohibited substance or a prohibited method for therapeutic purposes must apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) to the IAAF unless he or she already has a TUE granted at national level and the national TUE is recognised by the IAAF in accordance with the IAAF Anti-Doping Regulations and the terms of this Notice. Since 1st January 2015, a TUE granted at national level may be recognised by the IAAF in one of two ways, either by means of automatic recognition or through a formal recognition procedure.

Automatic Recognition

A national TUE may fall into the category of **TUEs that are automatically recognised by the IAAF**. As at the date of this Notice, the following TUEs granted at national level are automatically recognised by the IAAF:

- (i) **for the use of glucocorticoids**
- (ii) **for the use of insulin, if the insulin dependence started before the age of 16**

provided that the national TUE has in each case been reported in ADAMS in accordance with paragraph 7.29 of IAAF Anti-Doping Regulations and is therefore available for review by WADA. If this is the case, no further action will be required from the athlete.

Recognition Procedure

If the national TUE is not for one of the few substances identified above, the athlete will be required to submit a **request for TUE recognition** to the IAAF which will mean, at a minimum, sending to the IAAF at tue-application@iaaf.org :

- (i) a copy of the national TUE certificate; and
- (ii) a copy of the original TUE application form, together with all supporting materials.

Incomplete applications will be returned. Please note also that the IAAF TUE Committee may request from the athlete or his physician such additional information, examinations or imaging studies as it deems necessary in order to consider the athlete's request for recognition of the TUE.

Upon receipt of a complete request for TUE recognition, the IAAF TUE Committee will decide as soon as possible, and within no more than 21 days of receipt of the complete request, whether or not to recognise the TUE. In the meantime, the national TUE will remain effective.

The decision of the IAAF TUE Committee will be notified to the athlete in writing and will be made available to WADA and to the relevant National Anti-Doping Agency via ADAMS.

¹ An International-Level Athlete is defined as an athlete who is in the Registered Testing Pool established by the IAAF or an athlete who is competing in an International Competition under Rule 35.9. Both the IAAF Registered Testing Pool and the the List of International Competitions under Rule 35.9 are available for consultation on the IAAF website: <http://www.iaaf.org/about-iaaf/documents/anti-doping>