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Ref: FOI-371

By email only to: ■■■■■

3 July 2023

Dear ■■■■■

1. Thank you for your email of 20 March 2023 in which you requested information from UK Anti-Doping ('UKAD') under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

Your request was as follows:

'We are writing to you to make an open request for all the information to which we are entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

Please provide the following information pertaining to the last 12 months:

1. **Other** than THC and Synthetic Cannabinoids how many test [sic] have been conducted on behalf of or by UKAD to test for banned Cannabinoids such as Cannabidiol (CBDV), Cannabigerol (CBG) and Cannabinol (CBN)?
2. **Have any athletes faced penalties from such test for the presence of Cannabinoids other than THC?**

Response – Part 1

2. For the reasons set out below, UKAD does not hold the information requested at Part 1 of your request.
3. UKAD collects biological Samples from Athletes for the purpose of Doping Control. UKAD uses World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) certified laboratories to conduct

analysis on those Samples. The laboratories analyse the Samples for the purpose of identifying Prohibited Substances, in accordance with WADA's list of Prohibited Substances and Methods (the 'Prohibited List'). The Prohibited List is produced and maintained by WADA, who update it annually.

4. Whilst UKAD holds information about the number of Tests it conducts and publishes details of this on its website¹, UKAD does not hold information regarding the analysis of Samples (carried out by WADA-accredited laboratories on its behalf) with reference to particular, individual Prohibited Substances or classes of Prohibited Substances. In the context of your request, this means that UKAD does not hold information regarding the number of Samples analysed for '*Cannabidiol* (CBDV), *Cannabigerol* (CBG) and *Cannabinol* (CBN)' (by WADA-accredited laboratories on its behalf).

Response – Part 2

5. With regards to Part 2 of your request, UKAD understands your reference to 'penalties' to mean 'Consequences' as that term is defined within the UK Anti-Doping Rules². UKAD understands your reference to 'presence' to mean an Anti-Doping Rule Violation contrary to Article 2.1 of the UK Anti-Doping Rules, i.e. Presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in an Athlete's Sample, unless the Athlete establishes that the presence is consistent with a Therapeutic Use Exemption ('TUE') granted in accordance with Article 4 of the UK Anti-Doping Rules.
6. UKAD can confirm that in the 12 months preceding the date of your request, 0 (zero) Athletes have committed an Article 2.1 Anti-Doping Rule Violation for the presence of Cannabinoids other than THC. Since no such Anti-Doping Rule Violations have been committed, 0 (zero) Athletes have faced Consequences for the presence of Cannabinoids other than THC in the 12 months preceding your request.

Conclusion

7. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your request and should be addressed via email to: foi@ukad.org.uk. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

¹ Available at: <https://www.ukad.org.uk/quarterly-reports-ukads-testing-programme>

² Available at: <https://www.ukad.org.uk/sites/default/files/2020-11/2021%20UK%20Anti-Doping%20Rules%20v1.0%20FINAL.pdf>

8. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commission for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



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