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CAS Final Award in the Case of Evi Sachenbacher-Stehle Validates FIS Haemoglobin Limits

The Ad hoc Division – XX Olympic Winter Games in Turin of the Court of Arbitration For Sport (CAS) denied the application of the German Ski Federation and the German cross-country skier Evi Sachenbacher-Stehle to cancel the "Notification of Start Prohibition" issued by the International Ski Federation (FIS) and the request for a declaration that she has naturally elevated haemoglobin (Hb).

The Panel of CAS arbitrators composed of Prof. Richard H. McLaren (CAN) as President, Mr Kaj Hober (SWE) and Prof. Akira Kotera (JPN) issued its final award confirming the Panel's decision from 11th February, 2006, to deny the application. In its reasoning the Panel also validated that the Hb limits applied by the FIS are not arbitrary but serve to protect the health of the Athletes as they have been established in cooperation with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

For official communications from the Court of Arbitration For Sport (CAS) please consult:
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