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Hans Knauss (AUT) commits anti-doping violation

On Tuesday 1st March 2005 the FIS Doping Panel issued its' decision in the case of Alpine skier Hans Knauss (AUT) who has committed a doping violation in accordance with clause 2.1 of the FIS Anti-Doping Rules, Presence of a Prohibited Substance.

The Panel found however that whilst the Athlete did not act intentionally, he clearly acted negligently. In particular given the known risk in connection with nutritional supplements, the Athlete did not exercise adequate caution by deliberately choosing to use supplements different from the ones recommended by his Association.

Having carefully considered all aspects of the case, the Panel decided to reduce the period of Ineligibility from two (2) years to 18 (eighteen) months, commencing on the date on which the anti-doping violation occurred, namely from 27th November 2004 until and including 26th May 2006.

According to Article 9 of the Rules, Automatic Disqualification of Results, and to Article 10.7 of the Rules, Disqualification of Results in Competitions Subsequent to Sample Collection, the Athlete shall be disqualified as from (and including) the FIS Alpine World Cup Downhill competition in Lake Louise (CAN) on 27th November 2004.

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