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TWO-YEAR PERIOD OF INELIGIBILITY IMPOSED ON FLORENTINA IUSCO (ROMANIA)

Lausanne, 25 July 2024 - The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has partially-upheld the appeal filed by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) in relation to the decision issued by the National Anti-Doping Organisation of Romania Hearing Commission dated 1 February 2024 (the Challenged Decision) in which the Romanian long jumper Florentina Costina Iusco was found to have committed an Anti-Doping Rule Violation (ADRV), and sanctioned with a reprimand and no period of ineligibility, on the basis of No Significant Fault or Negligence.

On 23 April 2023, Florentina Iusco underwent an out-of-competition doping control. The analysis of the Athlete's A Sample revealed the presence of furosemide, a diuretic listed under the category "S5 Diuretics and Masking Agents" of the WADA Prohibited List (2023 version). It is stated to be a "Specified Substance" and prohibited at all times. The analysis of the B sample confirmed the result of the A sample.

In its appeal to CAS, WADA sought the imposition of a two-year period of ineligibility starting on the date on which the CAS decision entered into force. The Sole Arbitrator appointed to decide the matter concluded that Florentina Iusco had failed to exercise the standard of care required for "no Significant Fault or Negligence" and determined that the appropriate sanction would be to impose a two-year period of ineligibility commencing on 1 February 2024, which is the date when the Challenged Decision was rendered.

The Challenged Decision has been modified as follows:

- Florentina Iusco is sanctioned with a two-year period of ineligibility commencing on 1 February 2024.
- All competitive results obtained by Florentina Costina Iusco from and including 23 April 2023 until 24 July 2024 are disqualified, with all the resulting consequences (including the forfeiture of medals, points and prizes).

The reasoned award will be published by CAS unless the parties request confidentiality.