



**FOREWORD BY GERRY SUTCLIFFE, MINISTER FOR SPORT,
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Since taking up post as Minister for Sport I have been greatly impressed at what I have learned of the work that WADA does internationally, and that UK Sport does here in the UK, to fight doping in sport. This is something I will ensure continues as a priority for the future in the UK.

I am pleased, then, to introduce UK Sport's final submission as part of the review of the Code, and to give my full support to the comments made. This submission was developed in full consultation with our National Governing Bodies, and I would like to extend my thanks to UK Sport, and to everyone who took part in this exercise, for bringing us to this position. I would also like to add my thoughts to those set out in this submission.

I know that this review has been typified by WADA's willingness to listen to the comments made by stakeholders, and to embrace the improvements that have been suggested to the Code - improvements born out of putting the Code into practice. I would urge WADA to maintain this approach when it comes to the argument on the criteria supporting the Prohibited List.

I recognise that this is not an easy point to resolve, and that there are strong arguments made by both sides, but it is important to remember why WADA was established, and what the Code was introduced to do - **to root cheats out of sport**. It is not for anti-doping organisations to police society, nor to deal with athletes taking substances that do not enhance their performance. On a related point, it is important that WADA maintains credibility in its annual consideration of the Prohibited List. To do this, it must be more transparent about how it comes to its decisions.

A consideration of why the Code was originally introduced brings me to my next point. The Code was introduced to harmonise the approach to anti-doping globally. This was, and still is, a laudable aim, and one I feel that WADA is obliged to ensure is the reality. To do this, WADA needs to take the lead in monitoring compliance.

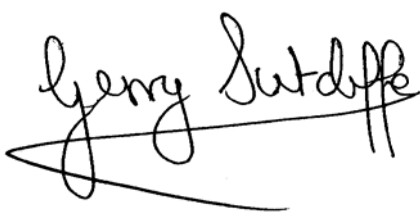
This is important for two reasons. Firstly, it is imperative that our athletes are secure in the knowledge that when they compete, no matter where in the world, nor in which sport, they will be subject to the same levels of scrutiny, and to the same high levels of anti-doping support from sports' International Federations, and from national anti-doping organisations.

Secondly, the changes made to the Code itself make this even more important. Following adoption of this new Code, athletes will look to WADA to ensure that the improvements it brings are complied with around the globe. WADA must be ready to step up to this challenge,

and to take action where this is found not to be the case. We have a duty of care to our athletes here.

We also have a duty of care to support athletes to make informed choices about the supplements they take, so I would urge WADA to reconsider its position in restricting WADA accredited laboratories from testing supplements.

WADA has a unique opportunity here. It is in the position to shape the future of anti-doping, but to do so having learned lessons from the past. I look forward to continuing this debate at the World Conference in Madrid in November.

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