



Tribunal Arbitral du Sport
Court of Arbitration for Sport

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VALVERDE CASE : THE COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS) SUSPENDS THE PROCEDURE

Lausanne, 11 July 2008 – In a decision issued on 10 July 2008, the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) affirmed its jurisdiction to decide the appeals filed by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and the International Cycling Union (UCI) against a decision taken by the Spanish Cycling Federation not to open disciplinary proceedings against the Spanish rider, Alejandro Valverde.

The CAS has, however, suspended the arbitration procedure for a maximum duration of six months in order to allow the Spanish legal authorities to issue a decision on a request for production of evidence (blood bag “no.18”) which is currently in its possession. The first - informal - request from the CAS was not accepted by the magistrate in charge of the file. A second request has been sent by the CAS, through official channels, to the competent Spanish authorities. Such procedure of mutual legal assistance can take several months.

For further information related to the CAS activity and procedures in general, please contact Mr. Matthieu Reeb, Secretary General, tel : +41 21 613 50 00; fax : +41 21 613 50 01 or consult the CAS website : www.tas-cas.org.