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MEMORANDUM

TO: SWIMWEAR MANUFACTURERS
FROM: FINA Office – Lausanne
DATE: 05 January 2021
RE: New date for publication of the FINA list of Approved Swimwear

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Dear Sirs,

The reference is made to the FINA swimwear approval rules.

The FINA Swimwear Approval Committee (SAC) has received recommendation from the Aquatic Committee of the World Federation of Sporting Goods Industry (WFSGI), as representative of swimwear manufacturers, to change the date of publication to be the 1st of September each calendar year. The main purpose of the request from WFSGI is backed by the fact that at the beginning of September, in some territories, there is a start of a “new” swimming season, so commercially the companies might benefit from increase in sales of a newly approved products. After consultation with the FINA Technical Swimming Committee, and considering existing principles and procedure for the Swimwear Approval the FINA Bureau on its meeting held on December 17, 2020, reviewed proposal and approved new text of the FINA rule BL8.1.

BL 8 SWIMWEAR (BY LAWS 2017- 2021 Version 17.12.2020)

BL 8.1 All swimwear used at Olympic Games and FINA Events (pool and open water swimming competitions) shall be swimwear approved by FINA in accordance with the rules and procedures set forth in the FINA Requirements for Swimwear Approval (FRSA) issued by the FINA Bureau and valid on the date of approval. Following an approval process conducted by the Swimwear Approval Commission, a list of approved swimwear is published by FINA (the Approved List) each year. From the year 2021 The Approved List is published each year on September 1 and is valid starting from the date of publication.

The amendment to the rule became effective starting from date of its approval.

(Full text of the FINA By Laws can be found under the link as follows: https://www.fina.org/sites/default/files/13_fina_by_laws_17_12_2020_0.pdf)

Thereafter the next publication of the FINA list for Approved Swimwear will be done on **September 1, 2021**. As per clause 7 of the “FINA Requirements for Swimwear Approval (FRSA)”, the list will include all the previously approved swimwear as published on the list for the preceding year (list 2021), as well as all the swimwear to be approved during official submissions of February 1, 2021, and May 1, 2021.

Any swimwear applications rejected, not approved during submission of May 1, 2021, will be accepted for resubmission not earlier than September 15, 2021. Consequently, in case

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of approval during resubmission, it will be considered for publication only in the subsequent period (September 1, 2022).

The next edition of the "FINA Requirements for swimwear approval" will reflect all the change mentioned above. Please note that for at least the end of 2021 the general principals of approval, official submission dates and payable amount as contribution to administrative and tests costs remain as it was announced in our previous Memorandum from December 08, 2020.

The List of FINA Approved swimsuits to be published on September 1, 2021 will consist of the models to be allowed to use striating from the same day, therefore in all FINA swimming events including the FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) - Abu Dhabi (UAE) -2021.

Please note that the latest information in relation to FINA Swimwear Approval is available from the FINA official website under the following link:

<http://www.fina.org/content/fina-approved-swimwear>

I trust you find the information set forth above useful. Should you have any questions or require further clarifications related to the FINA Swimwear Approval, please feel free to contact FINA office. (e-mail: projects@fina.org).

Sincerely yours,

Cornel Marculescu



FINA Executive Director

CM/pm