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MEMORANDUM

TO: SWIMWEAR MANUFACTURERS
FROM: FINA Office – Lausanne
DATE: 08 December 2020
RE: FINA Swimwear Approval – submissions 2021

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Dear Sirs,

First, I hope that you, your families and your communities are staying healthy and safe.

Like all of you, FINA has had to manoeuvre around the impacts of this pandemic and the unprecedented resulting effects. Please rest assured that even under all revolving circumstances FINA remains operational and keeps focus on our sport and support to our stakeholders. We are committed to ensuring global and sustainable growth of our Aquatic Sports while protecting our Athletes, our employees and our partners and stakeholders.

With this communication we would like to provide you with information on procedure for swimwear approval to be carried out during the year 2021.

Please note that the latest edition of the “FINA Requirements for Swimwear Approval” (FRSA) is available from the FINA official website under the following link:

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

Please find below the important information concerning application process and the dates for official submission

1. DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSIONS IN 2021

There will be three official submission dates during 2021. The manufacturers have the choice to submit products for approval at any or in all three submissions. Each submission session will be open for new applications as well as for resubmission of applications rejected/ not approved during latest (antecedent) submission.

- **First submission 2021 (February 1, 2021)** *The complete applications have to be received by the FINA office on or before February 1, 2021. Results from the submission will be reported by the March 20, 2021.*
- **Second submission 2021 (May 1, 2021)** *The complete applications have to be received by the FINA office on or before May 1, 2021. Results from the submission will be reported by the June 20, 2021.*
- **Third submission 2021 (September 15, 2021)** *The complete applications have to be received by the FINA office on or before September 15, 2021. Results from the submission will be reported by the October 30, 2021.*

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2. PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

According to the clause 3.2.3 of the FRSA the submissions should be done via on-line application tool. Application should be completed with all required information, including technical sketch/ drawing of submitted product.

IMPORTANT NOTE: None of applications submitted in any other form than through on-line application tool will be accepted, consequently will be deemed as not submitted.

If your company does not already have an account to use on-line application tool, please contact FINA office for details (e-mail: projects@fina.org).

3. DELIVERY OF SAMPLES:

The complete applications, printed and duly signed by applicant including respective samples and material samples, have to be received by the FINA office on or before the date of the official submission.

Applications received at the FINA office after the Submission Date will not be considered.

The samples and duly signed application forms should be sent to the FINA office according to post address listed below:

FINA Office
Chemin de Bellevue 24a/24b , 1005 Lausanne / Switzerland.
tel: +41 21 310 47 10

Important: Incomplete applications (including missing or not duly completed Application Form, missing or incorrect technical sketches, missing material samples, insufficient description, missing material samples etc.) will as a rule be rejected. Default in payment of the applicable contribution on time leads to rejection of application.

4. CONTRIBUTION TO ADMINISTRATIVE AND EXPERT/TESTS COST.

It is reminded that the contribution payable in regards of approval procedure is not meant to be a source of profit for FINA but have the purpose of covering the administrative and technical costs of the process, including notably the costs of testing and any required scientific research. According to the clause 5 of the FRSA the contribution fees applicable for the submissions in 2021 are as follow:

Application for each model of swimsuit / wetsuit -	1000 EUR
Application for each model of Swimming Cap-	750 EUR
Application for each model of Swimming Goggle-	750 EUR
For each fabric/material used in construction of submitted swimsuit <i>(for the same material used through different models it will be calculated only once)</i>	375 EUR
For each combination used in construction of submitted swimsuit <i>(for the same combination used through different models it will be calculated only once)</i>	475 EUR
For each material used in construction of submitted wetsuits <i>(for the same material used through different models it will be calculated only once)</i>	125 EUR

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Important: Payment of calculated contribution on or before the submission dead-line is a condition for a valid application. Applications effected without corresponding fee payment will not be considered.

5. PUBLICATION OF THE RESULTS

The list of the FINA Approved Swimwear will be published according to the FINA rule BL8.1.

6. PRE-AVIS TESTS.

The FINA Swimwear Approval Committee (SAC) envisages conducting two pre-avis testing sessions during 2021.

- The first pre-avis session, Q1, 2021 (the dates and further information will be available in due time)
- The second pre-avis session: Q4, 2021 (the dates and further information will be available in due time)

The testing requests will be subject in each case to adequate advanced notice and can be limited to a reasonable number of testing requests per manufacturer.

7. SAC MEETING WITH THE MANUFACTURERS

In 2021 the SAC meeting with the manufacturers is planned to be organised in Abu-Dhabi (UAE), with the occasion of the FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) and the FINA World Aquatics Convention. The exact date and place of the meeting will be communicated in due time.

In the face of this pandemic, we take the health and safety very seriously, closely following public health guidance issued by local governments. During these difficult times our office work and meetings are efficiently handled electronically. Furthermore, we recognise that the situation with required restrictions may be prolonged for some period in 2021, but we are firmly committed to overcome any potential impacts and will continue to work as efficiently as possible.

We trust you find the information set forth above useful, however we remain at your disposal should you have any questions or require further clarifications.

Sincerely yours,



Cornel Marculescu

FINA Executive Director

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