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Mr Roger Legeay
President MPCC

Dear President,

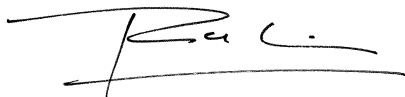
In response to your letter dated 9 September 2013 on tramadol sent to the Hon. John Fahey, President of WADA, I can confirm that the use of this substance in sport including cycling was discussed by the WADA List Expert group during their meeting on August 22-23, 2013.

Tramadol has been included in the Monitoring Program since 2012. The number of samples containing tramadol is significant and the very large majority of them originate from cyclists. These figures, however, are the result of less than 2 years of monitoring. Therefore, before considering further reviewing the status of tramadol, the List Expert Group has decided to monitor its use for another year to collect more reliable data. In parallel, the Expert Group recommended to WADA to further discuss this issue with the cycling authorities as well as from the physicians treating the riders to try to better understand the reasons for using and the risks of abusing tramadol. Therefore, tramadol remains on the list of priorities for the List Expert Group actions and will be further reviewed in 2014.

I hope that this letter clarifies the current position of WADA on the status of tramadol and look forward to continuing exchanging information on the use of tramadol in cycling, which will be undoubtedly helpful to make an informed decision on this drug.

Do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information.

Yours sincerely,



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