



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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The following is a summary of the decision of the Sports Disputes Tribunal of New Zealand in the case of **New Zealand Federation of Body Builders Inc v Naera Johnson** (SDT/01/06), an anti-doping violation application. This is not the written decision of the Tribunal for the purposes of its rules.

The Sports Disputes Tribunal has suspended body builder Naera Johnson for two years.

Ms Johnson tested positive for the banned substance Clenbuterol while competing in the Central North Island Body Building Championship in Hamilton on 22 October 2005.

Ms Johnson advised the Tribunal that she admitted the anti-doping violation, did not want to participate in the hearing and acknowledged that the Tribunal may impose a penalty on her without holding a hearing of the parties.

The World Anti-Doping Code (WADA Code) provides for a mandatory period of two years' ineligibility (i.e. suspension) for a first violation involving Clenbuterol, unless the athlete can show "no fault" or "no significant fault" on their part.

Ms Johnson admitted the violation. She provided no further information to warrant any lesser penalty than the two year suspension set out in the WADA Code. Therefore, the Tribunal suspended her for two years.

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