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## FIS MEDIA INFO

### FIS Statement on CAS decision of Therese Johaug sanction

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has partially upheld an appeal by the International Ski Federation (FIS) against Norwegian Cross-Country Skier Therese Johaug and the Adjudication Committee of the Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sport (Decision 10th February 2017).

The case concerned the presence of the prohibited substance clostebol in a sample collected out-of-competition on 16th September 2016. The FIS fully respects the decision of CAS to extend the suspension of Therese Johaug to 18 months from 18th October 2016 (date of provisional suspension). As a consequence of the decision, Ms. Johaug will be eligible to return to competition on 18th April 2018.

FIS is satisfied that an independent body had the opportunity to review all of the facts of this case and render an impartial verdict, which was the reason for FIS filing the appeal to CAS. This ensured that a fair and just decision for all parties could be determined in this case.

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#### About FIS

FIS is the governing body for international skiing and snowboarding, [founded in 1924](#) during the first Olympic Games in Chamonix, France. Recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), FIS manages the Olympic disciplines of [Alpine Skiing](#), [Cross-Country Skiing](#), [Ski Jumping](#), [Nordic Combined](#), [Freestyle Skiing](#) and [Snowboarding](#), including setting the international competition rules. Through its 128 member nations, more than 7'000 FIS ski and snowboard competitions are staged annually. Specific initiatives are undertaken by FIS to promote snow activities as a healthy leisure recreation, [notably for the young](#). For more information, please visit [www.fis-ski.com](http://www.fis-ski.com)