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## FIS MEDIA INFO

### **Sergey Shiryayev (RUS) tests positive for the use of Erythropoietin (EPO)**

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Sapporo, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2007/ -- Russian Cross-Country skier, **Sergey Shiryayev** has tested positive for the use of the Prohibited Substance Erythropoietin (EPO), identified on the WADA Prohibited List 2007 in Class S2. Hormones and related Substances.

The urine Sample was submitted at a target out-of competition doping control on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2007, in Sapporo (JPN), following the analysis of indicators in the Athlete's blood values.

The Athlete is provisionally suspended from competition forthwith following the receipt of the confirmation B analysis from the WADA accredited laboratory in Tokyo (JPN), where all urine samples from the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships have been (and are still being) analysed.

FIS President Gian Franco Kasper commented: "Every doping case is disappointing since this means that the Athlete is not playing by the fundamental rules of sport which means fair play nor is he heeding the warnings about the severe damage that doping can do to the health. However, this particular case is a testament to the FIS blood testing programme which involves regular monitoring of the Athlete's blood values."

The case of Sergey Shiryayev will be reviewed and adjudicated by the FIS Doping Panel, chaired by Justice Patrick Smith (CAN) in conjunction with the FIS Council Meeting in May 2007 in Portoroz (SLO).

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For further information please contact Sarah Lewis, FIS Secretary General on +81 80 1971 0190 until Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 21.00 Japanese time (cet +8 hours) or +41 79 310 2244 from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 17.00 cet

Additional resources:

FIS Procedural Guidelines 2006/2007 to the FIS Anti-Doping

Rules, please go to: <http://www.fis-ski.com/data/document/fis-procedural-guidelines-2006-2007.pdf>

Current news: FIS continues fight against doping

<http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/newsinformation/pressreleases/press-releases-2007/sapporo-anti-doping.html>

FIS Fact Sheet on FIS Medical and Anti-Doping Activities

<http://www.fis-ski.com/data/document/fis-fact-sheet-fis-medical-and-anti-doping-activities.pdf>