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## **FIS MEDIA INFO**

### **FIS Appeals Commission rejects appeal from Swiss Ski Association against disqualification of Didier Defago**

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On 12<sup>th</sup> December 2005, FIS received an appeal from the Swiss Ski Association against the disqualification of Didier Defago from the FIS Alpine World Cup Men's Super Combined race in Val d'Isere (FRA) on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2005 for an infringement of article B 2.1.2 of the equipment regulations due to the height of the binding-plate combination exceeding the limit of 55mm (55.38mm at the highest point). In their protest the Swiss Ski Association requested the skis used by Didier Defago be re-measured.

According to FIS rules the protest was dealt with by the Alpine Appeals Commission and the commission for the appeal was composed of Enrico Valle (Chairman) Jarl Forsmark and Walter Trilling.

On 16<sup>th</sup> December, the Appeals Commission, having reviewed the documents, found the jury decision of 11<sup>th</sup> December 2005 to disqualify Didier Defago (SUI) to be correct.

After examining the report in regard to the measurement of the ski of the athlete from Mike Kertesz, FIS Equipment Controller and the 19 points in his additional report, the Appeals Commission decided to reject the appeal of the Swiss Ski Association submitted according to the ICR, Art. 647.1.3.1 and 647.1.3.2.

Based on the above decision, the results of the FIS Alpine World Cup Men's Super Combined race in Val d'Isere (FRA) on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2005 will stand and calculated accordingly in the FIS Alpine World Cup Men's standings.

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