Press Release

The Cycling Anti-Doping Foundation announces anti-doping measures for 2017 Tour de France

30 June 2017, Aigle, Switzerland: The Agence Française de Lutte contre le Dopage (AFLD) and the Cycling Anti-Doping Foundation (CADF), the independent body mandated by the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) to define and carry out the fight against doping in cycling, confirmed today that they will continue their close collaboration on anti-doping controls during the 2017 Tour De France, which begins on Saturday 1st July in Düsseldorf, Germany.

The agreement covering the Tour de France, is part of the cooperation agreement between the UCI on the one hand, represented by the CADF, and the AFLD on the other, which aims to ensure efficient anti-doping controls at all the major cycling competitions in France.

Regarding anti-doping controls for the Tour de France 2017, a comprehensive approach will prevail to maximise the efficiency of the control system, including targeted controls at the start of the competition – in particular through data exchange regarding the localisation of the riders – as well as the sharing of information concerning the Athlete Biological Passport (ABP), the individual electronic file for each rider that contains the results of all the anti-doping tests carried out as part of this programme over a certain period.

Several control measures already in place in recent editions will be renewed, such as:

- The AFLD has again carried out controls this year on a number of cyclists who will most likely participate in the “Grande Boucle”;
- Shortly before the start of the race, blood checks have been carried out on all participants;
- During the stages in France, the decision regarding which cyclists to test will be jointly made by the CADF and the AFLD, on the basis of shared information, in order to have a well-targeted approach towards the riders;
- Based on intelligence gathering, some samples will be kept, up to 10 years, in order to allow subsequent analyses with the benefit of technical progress concerning detection methods.
- The cooperation agreement between the CADF, AFLD, and the Central office for combatting damage to the environment and public (OCLAESP) has also been renewed. The agreement will allow the collection of supplementary information that will improve the quality of testing throughout the race.
Finally, the National Anti-Doping Agency of Germany (NADA), the UCI and the CADF will jointly launch an awareness campaign for clean sport at the start of the Tour, an initiative called «Give everything, take nothing».

Francesca Rossi, Director of CADF, declared: “Our overall testing strategy in 2017 is more than ever based on information gathered through intelligence. The Tour de France does not represent an exception and in this specific event, the CADF can count on the support of the AFLD for information exchange to design the day-to-day testing plan. During the stages in Germany, we will also count on the support of our colleagues from the German Anti-Doping Organisation (NADA).”

Bruno Genevois, AFLD President, said: “The AFLD welcomes the renewed cooperation with the CADF in the framework of the Tour de France, which guarantees the effectiveness of the testing programme to be implemented during the race”.

Brian Cookson, UCI President, added: “In the past four years, UCI have signed a record number of sharing agreements with National Anti-Doping Organisations such as those of France, Germany, the USA, Switzerland, Denmark, South Africa and the UK among others. This is in line with the recommendation of the World Anti-Doping Agency and allows shifting cycling’s anti-doping strategy from a quantitative to a qualitative approach made of cooperation and data sharing with all stakeholders. We are delighted to be working with the AFLD and NADA on this 2017 Tour de France and beyond.”

Dr. Andrea Gotzmann, CEO of NADA, concluded: “We are more than pleased to cooperate with UCI and CADF during the Tour the France 2017. The cooperation is an important component to raise awareness and serves the protection of all athletes”.

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About the CADF
Created in 2008, the Cycling Anti-Doping Foundation (CADF) is a non-profit foundation under Swiss law that has been fully independent from the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) since 2013. A unique model for a sporting organization, the CADF’s role is to manage autonomously the anti-doping programme on behalf of the UCI. The CADF’s current anti-doping programme which is run, among others, on UCI WorldTeams and UCI Professional Continental Teams, is largely based on the Athlete Biological Passport and is internationally recognized as one of the most comprehensive in the world of sport. The CADF’s activities are conducted in compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code and the UCI Anti-Doping Rules. The CADF is entirely funded by cycling’s stakeholders including
the teams, the UCI, organisers and the riders themselves. For more information, please visit www.cadf.ch

About AFLD: The French Anti-Doping Agency (AFLD) is a public and independent authority in charge to promote ethic sport practice. It also aims at limiting health risks brought about the consumption of banned substances. AFLD acts in compliance with WADA standards. For more information: www.afld.fr

About the UCI: Founded on April 14, 1900, in Paris, France, the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) is the world governing body for cycling. Its mission consists of developing and overseeing cycling in all its form, for all people. From a competitive sport, as a healthy recreational activity, as means of transport, and also just for fun. As part of its responsibilities as International Federation and signatory of the World Anti-Doping Code, the UCI determines the CADF’s priorities in terms of the testing strategy and broad lines of approach. For more information: www.uci.ch

About NADA: Germany’s National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) is the first recourse for clean sport in Germany. NADA was founded in July 2002 and recognized as a charitable organization by the German Charity Commission on November 21 of the same year. Since then, it has been pursuing its valuable mission, campaigning for fairness and equal opportunities in sport. As a charitable foundation under private law, it is an independent body. NADA tackles the problem of doping in sport, in both a national and international collaborative context, and supports all athletes who are committed to perform honestly. For more information: www.nada.de

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