

COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT UPHOLDS 4-YEAR BAN IMPOSED ON RUSSIAN ATHLETE ALEKSANDR SHUSTOV

23 NOVEMBER 2021, MONACO: The Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) welcomes the decision of a Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) appeals panel today to uphold the 4-year ban imposed on Russian athlete Aleksandr Shustov, for the use of multiple prohibited substances in the lead up to the 2013 World Athletics Championships in Moscow.

The CAS panel found that the AIU had established the athlete's use of multiple prohibited substances through the evidence of Dr Rodchenkov, the Laboratory Information Management System data, the Moscow Washout Schedules, and the presence of scratch marks on one of the athlete's B sample bottles which it concluded to be very strong support for the view that the sample in question had been swapped.

In upholding the athlete's 4-year sanction the Panel found that the athlete's use of multiple prohibited substances and his active engagement in a doping scheme in Russia justified the imposition of the maximum sanction for aggravating circumstances under the then applicable IAAF Anti-Doping Rules.

The Panel also upheld the disqualification of 4 years of the athlete's results from 8 July 2013 to 7 July 2017, on grounds that Shustov's doping practices in 2013 would likely have enhanced his performances beyond the 2013 World Athletics Championships in Moscow.

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About the Athletics Integrity Unit

The Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) is the independent body created by the World Athletics that manages all integrity issues - both doping and non-doping - for the sport of athletics. The remit of the AIU includes anti-doping, the pursuit of individuals engaged in age or competition results manipulation, investigating fraudulent behaviour with regards to transfers of allegiance, and detecting other misconduct including bribery and breaches of betting rules. It is the AIU's role to drive cheats out of our sport, and to do everything within its power to support honest athletes around the world who dedicate their lives to reaching their sporting goals through dedication and hard work.

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