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US CYCLIST, LANGE, ACCEPTS TWO-YEAR SUSPENSION FOR VIOLATION

Colorado Springs, Colo. (April 17, 2009) -- USADA announced today that Michael Lange of Golden, CO, an athlete in the sport of cycling, has accepted a two-year period of ineligibility after testing positive for a prohibited substance during a competition in China.

Lange, 25, tested positive for Strychnine, a stimulant, as a result of a urine sample collected at the Tour of Qinghai Lake near Qinghai Lake, China on July 15, 2008. Strychnine is listed as a Specified Substance and is prohibited under the USADA Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing and the Union Cycliste Internationale (“UCI”) Anti-Doping Rules, both of which have adopted the World Anti-Doping Code and the WADA Prohibited List. According to the WADA Code, prohibited substances like Strychnine that could be susceptible to a credible, non-doping explanation, are identified as Specified Substances. While Mr. Lange tested positive for a Specified Substance and has accepted the penalty for the violation, no facts were revealed that he intentionally ingested Strychnine.

Lange accepted the sanction which began on August 4, 2008 in accordance with the rules for a first offense. He is also disqualified from all competitive results obtained on and subsequent to July 15, 2008, the day the sample was collected, including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.

In an effort to aid athletes, as well as all support team members such as parents and coaches, in understanding the rules applicable to them, USADA provides comprehensive instruction on its website on the testing process and prohibited substances, how to obtain permission to use a necessary medication, and the risks and dangers of taking supplements as well as performance-enhancing and recreational drugs. In addition, the agency manages a drug reference hotline, conducts educational sessions with National Governing Bodies and their athletes, and proactively distributes a multitude of educational materials, such as the Guide to Prohibited Substances and Methods, easy-reference wallet cards, periodic newsletters, and protocol and policy reference documentation.

USADA is responsible for the testing and results management process for athletes in the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement, and is equally dedicated to preserving the integrity of sport through research initiatives and educational programs.

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