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TO THE MEMBERS OF FIFA

Circular no. 1160

Zurich, 27 August 2008
SG/pbr**Revised FIFA Players' Agents Regulations**

Dear Sir or Madam,

On 29 October 2007, the FIFA Executive Committee adopted the revised FIFA Players' Agents Regulations at its meeting held in Zurich, Switzerland, on 29 October 2007, and they came into force on 1 January 2008.

As you are no doubt aware, the revised FIFA Players' Agents Regulations (hereinafter: *the Regulations*) introduced the application of a limitation on the validity of the licences issued to players' agents and a procedure for re-examination has been established.

In the meantime, certain doubts have arisen with regard to the interpretation of art. 17 ("Re-examination") of the Regulations and in particular about the impact of the obligation to re-sit the examination every five years on those agents who were already holding a licence prior to the coming into force of the Regulations.

In this respect, we would like to clarify that, as provided for in art. 17 par. 1 of the Regulations, newly, the licence expires five years after its date of issue.

Furthermore, art. 39 par. 2 of the Regulations states that all applications for a players' agent licence shall be dealt with in accordance with the revised Regulations. Finally, par. 3 of the same provision stipulates that agents who hold a licence when the revised Regulations come into force are equally subject to the revised Regulations.

Taking into account the above, we would like to inform you that an interpretation that follows the aim and spirit of the aforementioned provisions leads to the conclusion that all existing licences, i.e. those issued prior to 1 January 2008, will be valid for five years as of the coming into force of the revised Regulations, i.e. as of 1 January 2008.

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In fact, the transitional provisions aim, in the first instance, at applications for new players' agent licences (cf. art. 39 par. 2 of the Regulations). Moreover, newly, all existing licences shall also be valid for a predetermined period of time in order to avoid any form of discrimination. Yet, with the revised Regulations, no actual retroactivity should be grounded.

We kindly ask the member associations of FIFA to issue a copy of this circular to all players' agents licensed by their association for their perusal.

We thank you for your attention to the foregoing and remain at your entire disposal for any further information that you may require.

Yours faithfully,

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