

Communication No. 2549

To all users, manufacturers, distributors and resellers of helmets for Speed Skating and Short Track Speed Skating

The ISU recently learned that certain brands of helmets sold on the market for use in relation to Speed Skating and/or Short Track Speed Skating bear tags and are distributed with publicity in booklets, websites or elsewhere, implying that these helmets have been approved or tested or are sold with the approval of the ISU.

Such representations are incompatible with fair trade practice laws, unfair competition and trademark legislations and thus illegal and must be removed from all helmets and from other communications regarding the properties of such helmets.

The ISU does not currently have a procedure to approve, test or otherwise examine helmets to verify their safety or compliance with standards, including the ISU requirements. The ISU issues only a few prescriptions as to certain minimum safety standards, such as ISU Communication 2400 and any other Communication that may be issued in the future.

It is the responsibility of the manufacturers and all resellers of helmets to ensure that the products offered for sale are safe overall and meet the safety expectations of the users and athletes.

The ISU does not examine or otherwise verify the safety of helmets used by athletes ahead of or during competitions but reserves the right to do so at its entire discretion in the future. The ISU reserves the right, if deemed appropriate, to ban any helmet that *prima facie* does not meet the requirements of ISU Communications or other safety prescriptions.

The ISU hereby requires from all manufacturers, distributors and resellers that they immediately remove all such tags, publicity and communications using without right the name and trademark of the ISU and implying one way or another that their helmets are sold with the approval of the ISU. From now on, the ISU reserves the right to have the use in competition of any such helmet containing any such tag implying approval by the ISU prohibited.

The ISU reserves the right to take action against any such distributor or reseller to preserve its rights.

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April 3, 2023
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