

CONSENT AWARD

Dated 17 August 2023 and issued by the

FEI TRIBUNAL

Sitting in the following composition:

Sole Panel Member: Mr. Martin Gibbs (GBR).

in the matter between:

FÉDÉRATION EQUESTRE INTERNATIONALE (FEI)

and

Mr. Zhaoyi CHENG- PR-in his capacity as the Person Responsible in the following case:

Case: C23-0036 CHENG

FEI Case reference: 2023/CM06 GANNAM TWAIQ – PR- Mr. Zhaoyi CHENG

Person Responsible/ID/NF: Zhaoyi CHENG/10102171/CHN

Trainer/ID/NF: Abdulaziz MURSHED/10083308/KSA

Horse/Passport: GANNAM TWAIQ/107MZ62/KSA

Event/ID: CEI2\* 120 - Al Ula (KSA) (03-04.03.2023) 2023\_CI\_0328\_E\_S\_01

Date of sample collection: 04.03.2023

Prohibited Substance(s): Phenylbutazone, Oxyphenbutazone, Pregabalin  
Triamcinolone Acetonide, Flunixin

Bar Code Nos.: 5621659

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## I. Parties

1. The Fédération Equestre Internationale (the "FEI") is the sole IOC recognised international federation for equestrian sport. The FEI is the governing body of the FEI equestrian disciplines (Dressage, Jumping, Eventing, Driving, Endurance, Vaulting and Para-Equestrian).
2. Mr. Zhaoyi CHENG (FEI ID 10102171) the Person Responsible (the "PR"), is an Endurance Rider from China (the "CHN-NF") and participated with the Horse, GANNAM TWAIQ (the "Horse") at the CEI2\* 120 - Al Ula (KSA) (03-04.03.2023) 2023\_CI\_0328\_E\_S\_01 (the "Event").

## II. Factual background and initial proceedings

3. The Horse was tested during the Event and returned a positive result for Phenylbutazone, Oxyphenbutazone, Triamcinolone Acetonide and Flunixin which are Controlled Medication Substances under the FEI's 2023 Equine Prohibited Substances List.
4. The FEI informed the PR of the positive result for these Controlled Medication Substances by way of a notification letter dated 17 April 2023 (the "Notification Letter") and charged him for a violation of Article 2.1 (Presence of a Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers in a Horse's Sample) and Article 2.2 (Use of a Controlled Medication Substance and/or Controlled Medication Method) of the Equine Controlled Medication Rules (the "ECMRs"). The PR was provisionally suspended as of this date.
5. The FEI also informed the PR that as several non-Specified Controlled Medication Substances were found in his Horse's Sample, the Horse was also provisionally suspended for 1 month as from 17 April 2023.
6. In the Notification Letter the FEI also explained to the PR that he could receive a reduction of the otherwise applicable "Period of Ineligibility" of eight months if he admitted the violation in accordance with Articles 10.4 to 10.8 of the ECMRs.
7. On 20 June 2023, the PR submitted to the FEI a duly signed copy of the Acceptance of Consequences Form whereby he admitted the violation, received a 3-month reduction and, hence, would serve a total ineligibility period of 5 months. In addition, by means of this form, the APR waived his right of appeal and acknowledged that the Accepted Consequences would remain on his record for four (4) years pursuant to Article 10.9 of the ECMRs.

## III. Summary of the proceedings before the FEI Tribunal

8. On 21 June 2023, the FEI submitted to the FEI Tribunal the Notification Letter and the duly signed Acceptance of Consequences Form. In addition, the FEI requested the FEI Tribunal to issue a consent award confirming the Accepted Consequences that would be imposed on the PR.
9. On 21 July 2023, the Tribunal informed the Parties of the appointment of a one-person hearing panel to adjudicate and approve this case. The Parties were asked to provide any objections to the constitution of the hearing panel by 25 July 2023.
10. On 21 July 2023, the FEI replied that they did not have any objection to the constitution of the hearing panel. The PR didn't reply therefore, his silence was inferred as agreement to the constitution of the hearing panel.
11. Neither party requested an oral hearing.

#### IV. Jurisdiction

12. The jurisdiction of the FEI Tribunal, which is not disputed, derives from the:

Statutes 24<sup>th</sup> edition, effective 17 November 2021 ("Statutes"), Arts. 1.5, 38 and 39.

General Regulations, 24<sup>th</sup> edition, 1 January 2020, Arts. Updates effective 1 January 2022 ("GRs") Articles 118, 143.1, 159, 164, 165 and 167.

Internal Regulations of the FEI Tribunal, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, 2 March 2018 ("IRs").

FEI's Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Rules, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, effective 1 January 2021, updates effective 1 January 2023 ("EADCMRs"). The EADCMRs are divided into the Equine Anti-Doping Rules (the "EADRs") and the ECMRs. As only the ECMRs apply in the present case, reference will be made hereinafter only to this second chapter of the EADCMRs.

#### V. Early Admission and Acceptance of Sanction

13. In accordance with Article 10.8.1 of the ECMRs *"Where Person Responsible and/or member of the Support Personnel and/or other Person, after being notified by the FEI of a potential ECM Rule violation that carries an asserted period of Ineligibility of six (6) months or more (including any period of Ineligibility asserted under Article 10.4), admits the violation and accepts the asserted period of Ineligibility no later than twenty (20) days after receiving notice of an ECM Rule violation charge, the Person Responsible and/or member of the Support Personnel and/or other Person may receive a three (3) month reduction in the period of Ineligibility asserted by the FEI. Where the Person Responsible and/or member of the Support Personnel and/or other Person receives the three (3) month*

*reduction in the asserted period of Ineligibility under this Article 10.8.1, no further reduction in the asserted period of Ineligibility shall be allowed under any other Article”.*

## **VI. Ratification of the Accepted Consequences**

14. The PR has explicitly admitted the ECMRs violation and accepted the following consequences (the “Accepted Consequences”) in accordance with Article 10.8.1 of the ECMRs:

- A Period of Ineligibility of five (5) months commencing from the date of the Final Decision by the FEI Tribunal (the Provisional Suspension already served shall be credited against the imposed Ineligibility Period);
- A one (1) month period of provisional suspension of the Horse, commencing as of the date of the Notification Letter; and
- Disqualification from the whole Event and forfeiture of all medals, points, prize money, etc. won at the Event with the Horse; and
- Fine of CHF 2,500.

15. The sole panel member confirms that the Accepted Consequences comply with the ECMRs and finds no grounds to object to their terms.

### **ON THESE GROUNDS**

1. The sole panel member hereby ratifies the Accepted Consequences in the case C23-0036 [2023/CM06- GANNAM TWAIQ - Mr. Zhaoyi CHENG (PR)] and incorporates its terms into this Consent Award.
2. Each Party is hereby ordered to perform the obligations and duties set out in the Acceptance of Consequences Form.
3. This Consent Award is pronounced without legal costs.
4. This Consent Award is final and not subject to a right of appeal as the PR has waived this right.
5. This Consent Award shall be published in accordance with Article 13.3 of the ECMRs.

DECISION TO BE FORWARDED TO:

a. The Parties:

- FEI
- Mr Zhaoyi CHENG (PR)

b. Any other:

- The CHN-NF

FOR THE TRIBUNAL

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Mr. Martin Gibbs (GBR).