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### LAUNCH OF LOCAL ONLINE DRUG DATABASE FOR SPORTS

The Singapore Sports Council (SSC), in collaboration with the Health Sciences Authority (HSA), and the Pharmaceutical Society of Singapore (PSS) has launched "**CheckDrugs**", an online database for sports that contains a list of all registered drugs in Singapore and its status against the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Prohibited List.

Accessible from the Anti-Doping Singapore (ADS) website at [www.antidoping.org.sg](http://www.antidoping.org.sg), this database is specially designed for athletes, athlete support personnel, and medical practitioners to check if drugs prescribed or bought over-the-counter at pharmacies in Singapore contain substances that are banned in- and out-of-competition.

Underlying the World Anti-Doping Code is the Principle of Strict Liability that places the responsibility on athletes for what they ingest and use. This database will be a tool for athletes to minimise the risk of violating anti-doping rules through inadvertent use.

"**CheckDrugs**" can be found at this link:

<http://app.antidoping.org.sg/public/checkdrugs.aspx#mode=land>

More information about the launch of this online drug database can be found at this link:

[http://app.antidoping.org.sg/public/news\\_item.aspx?sid=277](http://app.antidoping.org.sg/public/news_item.aspx?sid=277)

The following pages contain a simple Step-by-Step Guide to using CheckDrugs.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison Chan", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alison Chan  
Secretary General  
Singapore Ice Skating Association  
17 October 2012

# CheckDrugs

1) Below are two of the methods to access the online search:

- a. URL: <http://app.antidoping.org.sg/public/checkdrugs.aspx>
- b. ADS website by clicking on the below image at the ADS Home Page (<http://app.antidoping.org.sg/public/home.aspx>) :



2) The following page will be displayed.



## CheckDrugs

CheckDrugs provides athletes and support personnel with information about the prohibited status of specific substances based on the current World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Prohibited List.

Visitors can search the CheckDrugs for specific information on registered pharmaceutical products sold in Singapore.

Sport

Your Role

Gender  Male  Female

Search

I understand and accept these terms and conditions.

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

This Drug Database is used within the Anti-Doping Singapore (ADS) website ([www.antidoping.org.sg](http://www.antidoping.org.sg)) and provides information on pharmaceutical products that may be used in sports and that are licensed in Singapore by the Health Sciences Authority as of the date of the last update of this Drug Database.

References to ADS include the Singapore Sports Council and its officers, members of the ADS Advisory Committee and its other working committees, and the content contributors of the information or data from which this Drug Database is derived.

Please read the important information below. In order to proceed with your search, you must confirm you have read and accept these terms and conditions of use.

- This Drug Database does not provide an exhaustive list of ingredients and brands. If the ingredient or brand is not listed, there is no assurance that it is permitted. You are responsible for pursuing the status of any ingredient or brand not listed.
- This Drug Database does not contain information on, or that applies to, dietary or health supplements. Even if an ingredient of any supplement is listed in this Drug Database as permitted, the status of such supplement that includes the ingredient is at your own risk.
- You are responsible for the correct entry of the spelling of the ingredient or brand and for the proper selection of all other search parameters. ADS is not responsible for the search results arising from incorrect entry of search criteria. You should compare the results of your search with the spelling on the packaging. You must also check the route of administration by which the medication will be used.
- This Drug Database also provides athletes and their support personnel with information about the prohibited status of specific substances. All such information is based on the current World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Prohibited List as of the date of the last update of this Drug Database.
- This Drug Database provides information only on ingredients and brands available in Singapore through proper distribution channels. Brands purchased abroad or imported by local distributor without proper permit may contain different ingredients.
- This Drug Database does not provide medical advice. In providing information on various ingredients and brands, ADS is not making any recommendation concerning treatment. The decisions about which medications are to be used are your responsibility. If you are unsure about which medication to take, you should always consult with your medical care provider in advance of taking it.
- This Drug Database does not endorse specific brands or products. The listing of status of any ingredient or brand does not imply an endorsement or recommendation for use.
- You are responsible for knowing the rules of your sports, including the anti-doping rules. If you participate in multiple sports, each substance

3) The following fields have to be entered by selecting from the dropdown list:

- a. Sport
- b. Your Role
- c. Gender

- 4) Key in the *Product Name* (eg. Panadol) / *Substance* (eg. Paracetamol) that you want to search for in the “*Search*” field.
- 5) Read the Terms & Conditions.
- 6) To continue your search, check the box “*I understand and accept these terms and conditions.*” and click on “*Search*”.
- 7) The page will display a list of Product / Substance Names containing the information that you have entered.

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Sport : Badminton  
 Role : Athlete  
 Gender : Female  
 Date : 9 Oct 2012

Enter the name of a product or substance

Result Count: 3

Product Name	Substance name
<a href="#">FORMET TABLET 850mg</a>	Metformin Hydrochloride 850mg equivalent to Metformin 663mg
<a href="#">Formet Tablet 500mg</a>	Metformin Hydrochloride 500mg equivalent to Metformin 390mg
<a href="#">FORMET TABLET 250mg</a>	Metformin Hydrochloride 250mg equivalent to Metformin 195mg

- 8) Click on the correct product from the list displayed to check its status.
- 9) The final result is displayed as follows:

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**IMPORTANT:** You are advised to [print a copy](#) of the search results for your own record.

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Sport : Badminton  
 Role : Athlete  
 Gender : Female  
 Date : 9 Oct 2012

**Result for *Formet Tablet 500mg***

Substance Name : Metformin Hydrochloride 500mg equivalent to Metformin 390mg  
 Route : ORAL  
 WADA Classification : NA - Not Applicable

	Status
IN-COMPETITION :	Not Prohibited
OUT-OF-COMPETITION :	Not Prohibited

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**What should you do if your medication is prohibited?**

1. Check with your Doctor for an alternative medication that is not prohibited for use in sport.
2. If no alternative is available, apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) immediately to Anti-Doping Singapore (ADS) or your International Federation before using the medication. Please refer to the [TUE page](#) of the ADS website for details about TUEs.
3. If unsure, please contact [ADS](#).

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**Supplement Warning**

ADS cannot advise the status of supplements in sport because they are not comprehensively regulated in Singapore. Supplements have occasionally been known to cause a positive test due to ingredients not being listed on the label, or impurities during manufacturing. Under the World Anti-Doping Code's strict liability rule, athletes are responsible for any substance found in their body.

- 10) To search for new drugs / substances, click on “*Back*”.