

To all addresses

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Men's Cup Winner's Cup Final, 2nd leg, Chehovski Medvedi (RUS) vs. CBM Valladolid (ESP), April 29, 2006, Corruption allegations: initiation of proceedings in the EHF Arbitration Tribunal; request for information

Dear Handball friends,

We hereby officially inform you that the EHF Arbitration Tribunal has been seized by the EHF in accordance with the applicable EHF Arbitration Regulations to clarify the situation and to grant all necessary sanctions in the case concerning the allegations of corruption against the German referees: Frank Lemme and Bernd Ulrich for the Men's Cup Winner's Cup Final, 2nd leg between the club Chehovski Medvedi (RUS) and the club CBM Valladolid (ESP) which took place on April 29, 2006.

These legal proceedings have been initiated by the EHF following an official complaint from the German Handball Federation, the first referees statements made to the German Handball Federation and the various media reports on these allegations. All those documents have been submitted to the EHF Arbitration Tribunal.

In order to clarify the circumstances of the case as well as to define all potential parties involved and in accordance with article 8.1 of the EHF Arbitration Regulations, you are requested to submit to the EHF Arbitration Tribunal an official statement specifying all information you may have on the relevant circumstances related to the match in question **by March 26, 2009, 12.00 am**. By doing so, you shall clearly state your position and involvement as well as the name of the persons you have been in contact to or you have been contacted by.

Statements shall be written in any of the three official languages of the European Handball Federation: English, German or French.

In accordance with article 5.4 of the EHF Arbitration Regulations, the President of the EHF Arbitration Tribunal is currently nominating the three EHF Arbitration Tribunal members that will deal with the present case. The constitution of the EHF Arbitration Tribunal panel will be definitive in the days to come.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation. We will keep you informed on the further steps of the proceedings.

Best regards

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