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**Information about disqualification:**

**Shalin Konstantin** **– Para Athletics, Visual Impairment**

By the decision of the Disciplinary Anti-doping Committee (DAC) of the Russian Anti-Doping Agency “RUSADA” (RUSADA) dated March 19, 2020 and provided by RUSADA’s letter on June 30, 2020 №UA-1818, the athlete Shalin Konstantin (Para Athletics, Visual Impairment Saratov region, International level athlete) was found to commit Anti-Doping rule violation according to p.2.1 of the Russian Anti-Doping Rules (Presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in an Athlete’s Sample) and suspended for a 4-year period up to November 10, 2023 with disqualification of all results, medals, points and prizes, obtained by the athlete from the date of positive sample collection (November 11, 2019).

In the sample of Shalin Konstantin that was collected on November 11, 2019 during target out-of-competition testing, the prohibited substance “Metabolite of methanedienone 17b-hydroxymethyl-17a-methyl-18-nor-androst-1,4,13-dien-3-one” was identified, which is included into the 2019 WADA Prohibited List of S1 class and is prohibited at all time. Starting from December 03, 2019 Shalin Konstantin was suspended from participation in all official training events, national and international competitions.

All-Russian Public Physical Culture and Sports Organization «Blind Sports Federation» (BSF) considered the decision of the DAC “RUSADA” in respect of athlete – Shalin Konstantin at the BSF Presidium meeting in absentia as of July 03rd, 2020. The BSF approved and imposed all the sanctions determined for the athlete, including 4-year period disqualification and the disqualification of the results.

The RPC recognized the decision of the RAA “RUSADA” and supports all the sanctions, appointed by the RAA “RUSADA” and imposed by the BSF in respect of Shalin Konstantin.

The Russian Paralympic Committee would like to pay attention of all athletes to the article 2.1.1 of All-Russian Anti-doping rules where stated that “It is each Athlete’s personal duty to ensure that no Prohibited Substance enters his or her body. Athletes are responsible for any Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers found to be present in their Samples”.