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**Information about disqualification:**

**Arapov Zakhar** **– Para Powerlifting, Physical Impairment**

By the decision of the Disciplinary Anti-doping Committee of the Russian Anti-doping Agency “RUSADA” Arapov Zakhar (Para Powerlifting, Physical Impairment, Vladimir 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 2-year period up to May 13, 2021 with disqualification of all results, medals, points and prizes, obtained by the athlete at competitions from September 20, 2014 to September 19, 2016.

In the sample of Arapov Zakhar that was collected on September 20, 2014 during Cup of Russia on Para Powerlifting for persons with PI, the prohibited substances were identified – “19-Norandrosteron” and “19-Noretiocholanolone”, which is included into the 2014 WADA Prohibited List of S1 class and is prohibited at all time. Starting from May 14, 2019 Arapov Zakhar was suspended from participation in all official training events, national and international competitions.

The Russian Federation of Sports for Persons with Physical Impairment (RFSPPI) considered the decision of the RAA “RUSADA” in respect of athlete – Arapov Zakhar at the Federation’s Council meeting in absentia as of December 13, 2019. The RFSPPI approved and imposed all the sanctions determined for the athlete, including 2-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 RFSPPI in respect of Arapov Zakhar.

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.