

## **2027 CODE & IS UPDATE PROCESS – TIMELINES & KEY PHASES**

| <b>DATE</b>                      | <b>ACTION / EVENT</b>   |
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| <b>9 May 2023</b>                | WADA Executive Committee approval of the proposed approach for the 2027 Code and IS update process and associated Drafting Team Working Groups. |
| <b>Week of 25 September 2023</b> | Launch of Stakeholder Engagement Phase  |
| <b>22 December 2023</b>          | End of Stakeholder Engagement Phase   |
| <b>Week of 8 January 2024</b>    | Launch of First Drafting Phase  |
| <b>19 April 2024</b>             | End of First Drafting Phase   |
| <b>21 May 2024</b>               | Launch of Stakeholder Consultation Phase  |
| <b>11 October 2024</b>           | End of Stakeholder Consultation Phase   |
| <b>18 October 2024</b>           | Launch of Second Drafting Phase   |
| <b>21 February 2025</b>          | End of Second Drafting Phase  |
| <b>26 February – 30 May 2025</b> | Third Consultation Phase  |
| <b>June – August 2025</b>        | Finalization of Code and IS   |
| <b>September 2025</b>            | Submission of final drafts to WADA Executive Committee  |
| <b>December 2025</b>             | WADA Executive Committee and Foundation Board Approval at the Sixth World Conference on Doping in Sport in Busan, South Korea                   |
| <b>January 2026</b>              | Publication of approved 2027 Code and IS  |
| <b>January 2027</b>              | Coming into force of 2027 Code and IS   |

### **Stakeholder Engagement Phase (September – December 2023)**

During the first phase, the ‘Stakeholder Engagement Phase’, stakeholders shall be invited to provide feedback on certain key concepts which have been collated into various ‘Concept Papers’. These papers succinctly outline the specific areas that have been identified at this stage by WADA management and Drafting Teams as requiring specific consideration as part of the review/update to the Code and IS. This noted, as in previous review processes, stakeholders will also be provided the opportunity to offer feedback and comments on other areas which they consider require review or updating based on their practical experience and application.

### **First Drafting Phase (January – April 2024)**

The first ‘internal’ drafting phase shall consist of the different Drafting Teams considering, reviewing, and implementing stakeholder feedback into the Code and IS which will be received during the first ‘Stakeholder Engagement Phase’.

### **Stakeholder Consultation Phase (May – October 2024)**

Following the end of the first drafting phase, stakeholders will be invited to provide their input on the first drafts of each document. To take account of the 2024 Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games, this consultation period shall occur over an extended period of time when compared to previous consultation periods.

### **Second Drafting Phase (October 2024 – January 2025)**

Similar to the first drafting phase, the second drafting phase shall consist of drafting teams considering, reviewing, and implementing stakeholder comments and feedback received to the Code and IS following this stakeholder consultation phase.

### **Third Consultation Phase (February – May 2025)**

Following the conclusion of the second drafting phase, there will be a third consultation phase during which stakeholders will be invited to provide their input on the second drafts of each document<sup>1</sup>.

### **Finalization and Presentation at Sixth World Conference on Doping in Sport**

#### **(June – December 2025)**

Following the end of all stakeholder consultations and corresponding drafting phases, final versions of the Code and IS will be prepared. The final versions will then be submitted for formal approval by the WADA Executive Committee and Foundation Board, before presentation at the Sixth World Conference on Doping in Sport to be held in Busan, Republic of Korea in December 2025.

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that a revised version of the International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories (ISCCS) entered into effect on 1 April 2024 and was therefore not the subject of revision during the First Drafting Phase.