

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD FOR TESTING AND INVESTIGATIONS (ISTI) (FOLLOWING THE FIRST CONSULTATION PHASE)

SUMMARY OF MAJOR PROPOSED CHANGES FOUND IN THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARD FOR TESTING AND INVESTIGATIONS (ISTI)

During the first phase of consultation, the ISTI received 271 comments from 31 stakeholders and was the International Standard that received the most comments.

The areas that received the most comments included;

- Athlete Whereabouts – Whereabouts Pools, and Results Management of Whereabouts Failures
- Sample Collection Equipment
- Sample Collection Process
- Specific Gravity

The main areas of proposed amendments include the following:

- Restructuring of the section on Whereabouts including further clarification around the different types of whereabouts pools and the requirements and consequences relating to those pools.
- Updating of a number of defined terms including a new defined term “Doping Control Coordinator” to reflect those Anti-Doping Organizations and third party service providers that are not Sample Collection Authorities but whom are delegated to coordinate Doping Control programs on behalf of Signatories. This term will be incorporated into ADAMS so there is a record which organizations are performing such services for Signatories who remain ultimately responsible as the testing authority for ensuring such services are conducted in accordance with the Code and relevant International Standards.
- The inclusion of a number of criteria that sample collection equipment must meet to address the issues the anti-doping community faced in early 2018 and changes to Annex L –Results Management for Athlete Biological Passport (these two sections had a number of amendments approved in November 2018 by WADA’s Executive Committee which will enter into force in March 2019;
- Enhancing the requirements around the training and monitoring of sample collection personnel that conduct the collection of samples including expanded conflict of interest criteria.
- Intelligence and Investigation Article 11 – inclusion of Whistleblowers and reference to WADA’s Whistleblower policy
- Annexes I (Results Management for Whereabouts Failures) and Annex L (Result Management requirements for the Athlete Biological Passport) and possibly part of Article 12 Investigations will be relocated into the new Result Management Standard.
- Guidance was sought from WADA’s Science Department around specific gravity requirements of samples at the point of sample collection. Following discussion at a WADA Lab Expert Group meeting in November 2018, it was recommended to reduce the specific gravity requirement to 1.003 (measurement using a refractometer only) where there is 150mls of urine or greater, otherwise the existing specific gravity requirements apply.