Summary of Major Modifications

The Technical Document on Blood Analytical Requirements for the Athlete Biological Passport, TD2019BAR has been modified to be applicable to the new series of Blood analyzers to be implemented in all laboratories on 1 June 2019.

The major modifications are:

- Clarification regarding the possibility to aliquot the blood Sample for other testing only after the ABP analysis is conducted.
- Requirement to implement a maintenance schedule for the instrument(s) to ensure proper performance of the analyzers.
- All internal quality controls (levels 1, 2 and 3) shall be analyzed twice following the specifications provided by the manufacturer prior to the analysis of EQAS samples. The EQAS sample shall be homogenized for a minimum period of 15 minutes using an appropriate mixer (e.g. roller mixer) prior to analysis.
- Flexibility is given regarding the timing of the two duplicated analyses for the same blood Sample which no longer requires the duplicate analyses to be performed consecutively.

The TD2019BAR replaces the former TD2018BAR and will come into effect on 1 June 2019.