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Sports Tribunal considers another Medsafe NZ Clenbuterol case

The Sports Tribunal has suspended hockey player Richard Brougham, for a period of two years for purchasing clenbuterol and the attempted use of nandrolone and dianabol, from the online website *NZ Clenbuterol*, in 2014.

This is the Tribunal's sixth case arising from Medsafe's investigation into an online steroid supplier called *NZ Clenbuterol*, which passed data to Drug Free Sport New Zealand (DFSNZ) relating to athletes who had purchased prohibited drugs online.

Mr Brougham admitted possession of clenbuterol and the attempted use of dianabol and nandrolone, anabolic agents prohibited at all times. Mr Brougham said he did not use the clenbuterol and although he did not purchase dianabol and nandrolone, he accepted his conduct was an attempt to use the substances under the sports anti-doping rules.

On 20 July 2018, a joint memorandum was provided to the Tribunal on behalf of DFSNZ and Mr Brougham. In the memorandum the parties proposed a sanction based on relevant factors including the previous cases determined by the Tribunal.

In the memorandum Mr Brougham agreed that the imposition of the two-year period of ineligibility applied and as with previous cases, it was proposed the period of commencement should be backdated, given his timely admission and some allowance for the investigation delays.

Having considered all available material, the Tribunal imposed a two year sanction period backdated to commence from 20 September 2017.

The decision in this case is available for download from the website of the Sports Tribunal (www.sportstribunal.org.nz). See *Drug Free Sport New Zealand v Richard Brougham* (ST 09/18). Copies can also be obtained directly from the Registrar, Sports Tribunal of New Zealand (telephone: 0800 55 66 80; e-mail: info@sportstribunal.org.nz).