



To: All Provincial Associations

Subject: IFAB Decision concerning the wearing of headscarves

12 July 2012

At its meeting on 5-July, 2012, the International Football Association Board (IFAB) “...*agreed to unanimously approve – temporarily during a trial period – the wearing of headscarves. The design, colour and material permitted will be defined and confirmed following the IFAB Annual Business Meeting in Glasgow in October.*” This ruling came into effect immediately following the meeting.

The CSA requires that this be upheld. While this directive allows for the wearing of headscarves, until such time as the IFAB issues any further instructions Referees are still reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that the headscarf is safe and does not pose a danger to the wearer as well as other participants. “*Equipment other than the basic equipment must be inspected by the Referee and determined not to be dangerous*”, according to Law 4 of the Laws of the Game, page 67.

Further instructions will be communicated following the IFAB’s annual business meeting in October.

Yours sincerely,

Tiger Liu

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tiger Liu".

Head of Refereeing