

AGENCE FRANÇAISE DE LUTTE CONTRE LE DOPAGE

Investigative Powers of the French NADO (AFLD)

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The previous national context

Why did the AFLD ask more investigative powers?

The AFLD had common powers (requesting information or documents from an athlete or an other person or inviting someone for an audition but without any sanction to face a refusal) to lead antidoping investigations but these powers encourtered the legal limits.

• In this case, the AFLD had to stop investigations. Otherwise, the AFLD must have reported to the judicial authority for further investigations under criminal law.



The legislative process

How could the AFLD obtain stronger investigative powers?

- The AFLD had to convince the French Government (Sport ministry and Justice ministry) and to obtain the agreement from the national Parliament.
- The Olympic and Paralympic Games were seen as an opportunity to enhance the national antidoping industry, specially to fight against nonanalytical ADRV.





The arguments put forward

Since its creation in 2006, the AFLD has been regarded as a "independant public authority":

- The AFLD had already sworn DCO/BCO: why not sworn investigators?
- Others independent public authorities had already similar legal prerogatives.

SPORTS

Ordonnance n° 2021-488 du 21 avril 2021 relative aux mesures relevant du domaine de la loi nécessaires pour assurer la conformité du droit interne aux principes du code mondial antidopage et renforcer l'efficacité de la lutte contre le dopage

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Le Président de la République,

Sur le rapport du Premier ministre et du ministre de l'éducation nationale, de la jeunesse et des sports,

Vu la Constitution, notamment son article 38;

Vu la convention internationale contre le dopage dans le sport, adoptée à Paris le 19 octobre 2005, publiée par le décret n° 2007-503 du 2 avril 2007 ;

Vu le code du sport, notamment les titres III et IV de son livre II;

Vu le code de justice administrative, notamment son article R. 123-20;

Vu la loi n° 2021-194 du 23 février 2021 habilitant le Gouvernement à prendre les mesures relevant du domaine de la loi nécessaires pour assurer la conformité du droit interne aux principes du code mondial antidopage et renforcer l'efficacité de la lutte contre le dopage ;

Vu la délibération de l'Agence française de lutte contre le dopage en date du 4 mars 2021;

Le Conseil d'Etat (section de l'intérieur) entendu ;

Le conseil des ministres entendu,

The legal framework
was updated in april 2021 by an
executive order published with the
legislative consent



The new investigative powers

The AFLD obtained autonomous investigative powers that the sworn investigators can enforce but under two restrictions:

- The legal prerogatives can be used when a formal inquiry is opened by the General Secretary of the AFLD.
- The most intrusive prerogatives have to be authorized by a judge (who is entitled to check the legal regularity).

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French law has established a legal framework based on the principle of proportionality.



The new investigative powers

There are four main legal prerogatives for the AFLD's investigators:

- Obtaining the disclosure of all types of documents (excepted for judicial officers)
- Interviewing any person of interest (in person or online)
- Accessing to professional or sports premises (without the consent of the owner)
- Undertaking home searches / home visits (with a judiciary authorization)

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The AFLD's investigators can be assisted by any expert or counterpart from any other ADO.

If the investigators find out a criminal offence, the AFLD must report to the judicial authority.

Amaury Golitin (Olympic athlete):





Athlétisme : le sprinteur Amaury Golitin suspendu quatre ans par l'Agence française de lutte contre le dopage

Suspendu provisoirement depuis juin 2022, l'athlète français a écopé de quatre ans de suspension, mercredi, pour manquements à ses obligations de localisation et falsification de documents.



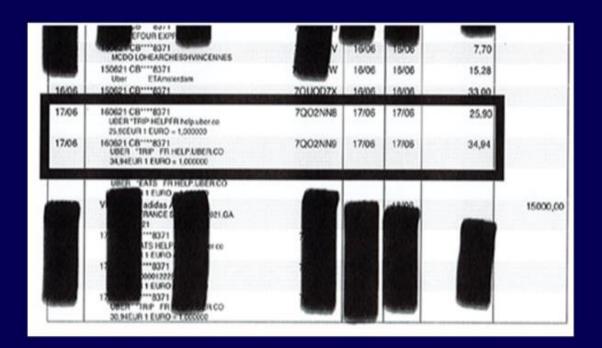


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Bank statement provided by the athlete





Statement obtained by the Athlete's bank

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Actual trip obtained from UBER

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The AFLD has obtained documentary evidence that the athlete's whereabouts were not accurate or updated on ADAMS.



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