



Urgent letter 6-07

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LETTRE URGENTE DE LA FIE

Madam President, Mister President,

A certain number of federations forwarded to us a slanderous e-mail which is circulating on Internet and entitled « **A Secret Deal between FIE and Chinese Fencing Association** » or « **Coming threat to your business** », copy of which is attached.

In order to prevent the Chinese manufacturer WuXi from obtaining the FIE homologation of its material, the author, who very bravely remains anonymous, does not hesitate to spread false accusations, implicating the integrity of Mr Wang Wei and Mr Eduardo Dos Santos.

The FIE will not even answer the informer hidden behind the e-mail address xyzuser@126.com, who obviously wrongly denies any personal interest in the claimed «affair » which he reports. But an inquiry, which is in progress, will determine if this is all about a strategy of unfair and wild competition.

Nevertheless, and in order to raise any ambiguity in the said « affair », please find below a reminder on the procedures of FIE homologation :

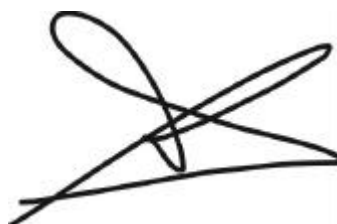
- Before the FIE considers the homologation of some equipment, the latter must have obtained a CE certificate from one of the three CE institutes approved by the FIE, indicating that the samples submitted have successfully passed all the tests of the European norm 13567.
- The FIE homologation certificates and tests conducted by the SEMI are totally free of charge.
- The FIE homologation certificates are issued, only at the end of the positive analysis of the reports of the tests and CE certificates.
- The FIE procedure of homologation is transparent and makes impossible that the material not complying with the criteria of the FIE Rules and norm 13567, be homologated.
- The mask 1600W, the uniform and sub-plastron 800NW of the WuXi company have just successfully passed the tests of the CRITT, which delivered the attached certificates. The homologation process of the material submitted by the WuXi company is therefore at a final stage of achievement.

Finally, the assertions of corruption of the persons or entities named in this e-mail are totally false and unfounded, testifying of perfectly despicable practices.

The FIE can only regret such attitudes which damage and tarnish the image of fencing.

Yours sincerely,

René Roch
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the bottom, positioned to the right of the typed name.