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Dansk Boldspil-Union (DBU)
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International transfers and first registrations of players under the age of 12

Dear Madam,

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated 9 January 2014 concerning the matter of reference, and have duly noted its content.

From the above-mentioned correspondence, we understand that you seek a clarification in relation to the art. 9 par. 4 of the Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players (hereinafter: the *Regulations*).

In this regard, we would like to point out that in accordance with art. 9 par. 4 of the Regulations an International Transfer Certificate (ITC) is not required for a player under the age of 12.

Taking the aforementioned provision into account, the Players' Status Sub-Committee, on the occasion of its meeting of October 2009, clarified that no application for approval according to art 19 par. 4 of the Regulations is required prior to any request from an association for an ITC and/or first registration of players under the age of 12. The relevant body also stated that if a trend towards international transfers of players even younger than 12 was detected, they would reconsider their position. FIFA is therefore monitoring the issue in order to take the relevant measures, if need be.

Nevertheless, we deem it important to emphasise that any association that intends to register players under the age of 12 for one of its affiliated clubs carries all the more the responsibility to ensure that the well-being of the children concerned is not at risk and that they are properly taken care of, in line with the spirit and principles of the provisions of the Regulations on the protection of minors. It goes without saying that the associations should also contribute to avoiding that the pertinent aims are being undermined.

Finally, please take note that all of the above information is of a general nature and thus without prejudice whatsoever.

We thank you for taking note of the above and trust having been of assistance.

Yours faithfully,

FIFA

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