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### Meeting FINA/Swimwear manufacturers

**Manchester (GBR), April 12, 2008** – On the occasion of the 9<sup>th</sup> FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) in Manchester, FINA held today its planned meeting with the representatives of the swimwear manufacturers.

The agenda included the review of the application of the FINA By-laws on approval of equipment in place since 2005. The meeting was also an occasion to receive the manufacturers' suggestions on the process.

In regards to the swimwear material, the discussion clarified that there was a broad understanding between the manufacturers and FINA that the rules were not meant and should not be interpreted as limiting the materials to fabrics *stricto sensu* but that other material could be used, as has already been the case for several years.

FINA confirmed that all the swimsuits approved so far are complying with the specifications.

It was agreed that the manufacturers will submit to FINA a common proposal for additional criteria and corresponding methods of testing which may be included in the process.

FINA will continue co-operating closely with the manufacturers and ensure the integrity and development of sport.

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