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The holding of the 2020 UCI Road World Championships in Aigle-Martigny in connection with the next announcement of federal measures

In accordance with the ruling by the Swiss Federal Council regarding the measures aimed at fighting against the COVID-19 pandemic in special circumstances, major events with more than 1000 visitors or involving more than 1000 people are not permitted until 31 August 2020. After this date, the Federal Council will have to adjust its measures for these types of events. In this respect, various scenarios in relation to safety measures have been examined for the organisation of the 2020 UCI Road World Championships.

At this point in time and based on the epidemiological situation, it cannot be ruled out that the event may possibly not be allowed to go ahead. A final decision can only be made following the next announcement of federal measures by the Federal Council on 12 August 2020 as well as the epidemiological situation in Switzerland and internationally.

The 2020 UCI Road World Championships cannot be held without a significant easing of the measures for events of more than 1000 people. If these restrictions are eased, the option of holding the event with a limited number of spectators and major protective measures could be envisaged. The problem of the tracking, protection and tracing of people in the start and finish areas as well as along the whole circuit would have to be managed in the best possible way.

Without any major easing as decided by the federal authorities and taking into account that the list of high-risk countries requiring quarantine to enter Switzerland is increasing, the conditions to hold the 2020 UCI Road World Championships, in Aigle-Martigny, would not be able to be met.

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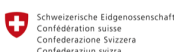
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