

Rogers Reiterates Claims Of Ingesting Clenbuterol From Chinese Food

Three-time World Time-Trial Champion [@Michael Rogers](#) has reiterated his claims of innocence in regard to his provisional suspension after testing positive to [Clenbuterol](#).

The Australian professional road bicycle racer who was previously with Team Sky and presently rides for [Team Saxo-Tinkoff](#) was provisionally suspended by the world governing body of cycling, the UCI, after returning an A Sample from his successful Japan Cup campaign that revealed traces of the banned substance. In a statement, Rogers said he was the victim of a mix-up with contaminated food in China. The statement said Rogers would like to make it very clear, in the strongest terms possible that he had never knowingly or deliberately ingested Clenbuterol.

The cyclist added that he can advise that during the period 8th-17th of October, before arriving in Japan, he was present in China for the World Tour race, Tour of Beijing and said he understands that it has been acknowledged by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) as well as other anti-doping bodies, that food contaminated with Clenbuterol is a serious problem in China. Michael Rogers went on to add that he in the following weeks will have the opportunity to explain this unfortunate situation to the UCI, in which he will give his full attention and cooperation to resolve this issue in the quickest time frame possible and added that he would like to thank those around the world, who have shown compassion and understanding of this situation that he has been placed in. Michael Rogers, who was instrumental in the Tour de France win of [Bradley Wiggins](#), will be prevented from competing again until it is proven whether or not he has doped.

Meanwhile, Australia's champion cyclist Anna Meares has remarked she is disappointed about Michael Rogers' positive test to Clenbuterol. Meares added that she is sick of the controversial men's peloton tarring the entire community of cycling with the same brush. The five-time Olympic medalist was left surprised by the claim of Rogers of ingesting Clenbuterol by way of contaminated food and said the cycling team had been repeatedly warned by national team managers at the world cup in Mexico earlier this year about eating pork, beef, and lamb. Meares added we as professional athletes need to take responsibility for what we're putting in our mouths and into our body on a food basis, on a supplements basis and on a medical basis.

Cycling Australia will seek a maximum two-year ban for the cyclist, if he is found guilty of doping. Meanwhile, Michael Rogers has been suspended pending his requested analysis of a B sample.

At the 2010 Tour de France, Alberto Contador, Rogers' team-mate at Saxo-Tinkoff, tested positive for Clenbuterol at the 2010 Tour de France and was banned for two years and stripped of the title.

In another development, British professional road racing cyclist Jonathan Tiernan-Locke who rides for UCI ProTeam Team Sky will face disciplinary proceedings over anti-doping rule

violation. The 2012 Tour of Britain winner's biological passport showed anti-doping rule violation.