

Doping Suspension On Cyborg Lifted

Cris 'Cyborg' Justino has been cleared to resume her career with the UFC after being cleared of a potential anti-doping violation.

In December, Justino tested positive for a banned substance - [diuretic](#) Spironolactone - but the UFC star said the failed drug test was because of a prescribed medication used to combat an endocrine disorder.

A retrospective Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) for the substance was granted to Cyborg by the US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA). The provision suspension imposed on her was also lifted. USADA announced in a statement that the application for a TUE was granted because the athlete had an unequivocally diagnosed chronic medical condition for which the [use of Spironolactone](#) is the appropriate standard of care.

In a statement, Justino said she is extremely happy that USADA took the time to carefully review the detailed TUE application that she submitted, and agreed that her use of the prescription has always been medically justified. The Brazilian and American mixed martial artist added she is looking forward to returning to the octagon as soon as possible, and proving that she is the pound-for-pound champion of women's MMA. The former Strikeforce Women's Featherweight Champion added she would also like to thank her fans for their continued support, who made a very difficult time easier for her.

The UFC created a 145-pound featherweight division to showcase her. Last year, Justino fought twice in her UFC debut and stopped two opponents at a 140-pound catch weight. Cyborg was expected to compete in the first 145-pound title fight this winter but declined the fight and cited the strain of her previous weight cut to face Lina Landsberg in September.

'Cyborg' was expected to challenge for the UFC's first featherweight title but she could only find a place in the crowd when Germaine de Randamie claimed the belt with a points win over Holly Holm. An appeal was made by Holm to the New York Athletic Commission where she claimed Germaine should have been deducted points by referee Todd Anderson for punches thrown after the bell.

The Dutch kickboxer and mixed martial artist of Afro-Surinamese and Dutch descent has since offered a rematch to Holm although she said she would first have to recover from injuries suffered during the bout of last weekend. De Randamie said she believes if Holly feels that the lack of point deductions are the reasons she lost the fight, and she is looking for a no-contest or a draw, she

should simply accept the offer that she put out to her to have a rematch. De Randamie added she believes she was the better fighter, and she dominated the standup. Randamie, who previously competed in the Strikeforce featherweight division, said she believes Holly is sad that she lost the fight and she is entitled to feel and do whatever she wants to do, and she respects that.

Cyborg said she expects to make a return to the UFC in June at UFC 212 in her native Brazil. Considered the world's top 145-pounder, Justino (17-1) for several years flirted with the possibility of a 135-pound fight with former bantamweight champion [Ronda Rousey](#).