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To: ALL MANUFACTURERS

Advances in golf club technology over the past decade have resulted in a significant increase in the amount of time and resources needed to evaluate clubs for conformance to the Rules of Golf. The number of equipment submissions to the R&A has also increased substantially.

In view of this, The R&A has determined that it is now appropriate and equitable to charge a fee for all official golf equipment conformance decisions (golf ball manufacturers already pay a fee for ball testing). The fees being introduced are relatively modest and whilst this income will help to defray some of the costs of research and testing, The R&A will continue to fund the vast majority of the work.

The fee structure, which will apply to all submissions received after 31 March 2009, will be as follows:

Wood heads (including drivers & fairway woods, shafted or unshafted)	£100 each
Hybrid clubs (shafted or unshafted)	£100 each
Individual Iron heads	£100 each
Iron sets	£300 per set
Putters (shafted or unshafted)	£100 each
Other items of equipment (tees, gloves, shoes, etc.)	£50 each

For your information, the above fees will only apply to submissions of production samples that are ready for the marketplace and which require an official ruling or inclusion on a Conformance List. The following submissions will not normally be charged a fee:

- Submissions of mock-ups;
- First Article and Prototype samples;
- Test Services
- Concepts and design ideas where no sample is available

It is also important to stress that submissions of existing models will not be charged – the fee structure only applies to new products submitted after 31 March.

Details of when and how payments should be made will shortly be available on our website (www.randa.org).



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If you have any questions or comments regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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