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To International Surfing Association - ISA

I, Americo Pinheiro Junior, Stand Up Paddle (SUP) Coordinator within the Brazilian Surfing Confederation (CBSURF), hereby bring to the attention of the ISA the enormous difficulties that our athletes have experienced in transporting SUP race boards by air.

In recent years, several of our athletes have been unable to ship their boards to competitions such as PASA and ISA. And this is happening even though CBSURF is making every effort with different airlines to make it possible to transport the boards. We also know that this is a recurring situation in other countries, especially in South America. We believe that the difficulty and uncertainty of transporting SUP race boards by air is detrimental to the growth of this sport as it affects the participation of many athletes and amateur practitioners in international events.

We are aware of the difficulty in resolving this situation, but we ask the ISA to bring this issue up for debate among the institutions responsible for this sport in the different countries.

For our part, we thought of a few strategies such as:

- a) some kind of partnership between the ISA and airlines that would guarantee the transportation of boards on certain flights, especially for events like PASA and ISA;
- b) changing the mandatory specification of boards to split boards;
- c) as a last resort, reducing the maximum length allowed to that accepted by the airlines.

Our practical experience has shown that if this issue is not resolved, it will result in the weakening of the sport.

Thank you for your attention and I am at your disposal for any further information.

Sincerely,

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