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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. How does overduepayables@the-afc.com work?

This is a single point communication channel for stakeholders and creditors of football clubs in Asia to inform the AFC about any unpaid dues. Upon receiving information, the AFC will verify with the Licensor (the National Football Association) regarding the existence of the debt.

2. What type of claims can be informed to AFC?

Final decisions of competent authorities on claims arising out of:

- a. Transfer activities between clubs;
- b. Contractual and legal obligations with a club's current or former employees and social/tax authorities can be informed to the AFC.

Claims which are disputed or were not decided finally by a competent authority cannot be acted upon by the AFC.

Note: Claims of Player Agents are not included under the definition of Overdue Payables

3. What type of documents should be included when a Creditor files a complaint?

- a. Contact details of the parties, e.g. name, complete address and fax number;
- b. A representation detailing the facts of the case/claim;
- c. All documents of relevance to the dispute, such as contracts and previous correspondence/s with respect to the case;
- d. Proof of written default notice, sent to the debtor club after the claimed amount(s) have been allegedly due for more than 30 days, granting the debtor club a minimum of 10 days' deadline, to comply with its financial obligation;
- e. Decision of the Competent Authority (if the dispute was decided by a competent authority);
- f. Any other supporting documents

Note: All documents to be submitted with its certified English translation

4. Who are the competent authorities recognised by the AFC?

The competent authorities may include-

- a. National Dispute Resolution Chamber (NDRC) or similar independent National Sports Arbitration Tribunal
- b. Statutory Bodies of the FA, such as the Disciplinary or Appeals Committee

- c. FIFA Bodies, such as the Player Status Committee (PSC) or Dispute Resolution Chamber (DRC)
- d. Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)
- e. Swiss Federal Tribunal

5. What are covered under the term ‘Payables’?

Payables to Clubs include those amounts due to football clubs as a result of transfer activities, including training compensation and solidarity contributions as defined in the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players that arose prior to the previous 30 June.

Payables to employees include all forms of consideration due in respect of employees as a result of contractual or legal obligations, including wages, salaries, image rights payments, bonuses and other benefits that arose prior to the previous 30 June, including to people who are no longer employed by a club.

Payables to Social/Tax Authorities include those amounts due towards social/tax authorities as a result of contractual or legal obligations in respect of its employees that arose prior to the previous 30 June.

6. Who are covered under the term “employees”?

- a. All professional players according to the applicable FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players; and
- b. The administrative, technical, medical and security staff specified in the AFC Club Licensing Regulations.

7. What happens if a club has overdue payables?

Any football clubs in breach of F.03 and F.04 of the AFC Club Licensing Regulations will not be eligible to receive a license.