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Mr Eric Overstreet
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Dear Mr Overstreet

PRODUCT NAME: GX-4i²

DECISION REFERENCE NUMBER: ES2014 - 0003

I refer to our letter dated 7 January 2014 and the submission of the above for a ruling. This is a laser rangefinder designed to provide distance measurements in yardages and meters. The rangefinder features a removable smart key, which contains software capable of enabling the device to provide an adjusted estimate of distance based on gradient, altitude and temperature.

This matter has been under consideration and I have been asked to advise you that the use of this rangefinder during the course of a stipulated round would be contrary to Rule 14-3 (Artificial Devices and Unusual Equipment), the penalty for which is disqualification. However, a Committee may introduce a Local Rule permitting the use of distance measuring devices and I would confirm that in such circumstances this device may be used, when the yellow 'smart' key has been removed and the chrome cover is attached. Where the Local Rule has not been adopted, or when the yellow 'smart' key is attached, the use of this distance measuring device during a stipulated round would remain contrary to Rule 14-3. Please refer to Decision 14-3/0.5 for full details.

In any advertisements of this device, you may state that The R&A has ruled that it is permitted for use under Local Rule with the above conditions. However, there must be no other reference to The R&A and use of The R&A's logo and/or statements such as "R&A Approved" or "R&A Tested" is prohibited.

We are retaining the sample for reference purposes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Claire Bates'.

CLAIRE BATES
Assistant Director - Equipment Standards