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Mr Eric Overstreet
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Dear Mr Overstreet

PRODUCT NAME: GX-2i²

DECISION REFERENCE NUMBER: ES2015 - 0736

I refer to our letter dated 16 December 2015 and the submission of the above device for a ruling. This is a laser rangefinder featuring a line-of-sight mode (LOS), providing only straight-line distance to a target, and a true golf range mode (TGR), designed to provide a calculated/effective distance based on temperature and altitude, as well as to provide a club suggestion based on the calculated/effective distance.

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 TGR mode and any indication of the inclination is switched off. Where the Local Rule has not been adopted, 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.

Furthermore, the use of this device when the TGR mode is switched on would be contrary to Rule 14-3 (Artificial Devices and Unusual Equipment), the penalty for which is disqualification.

In any advertisements of this device you may state that The R&A has ruled that it is permitted for use under the Local Rule (effective 1 January 2006) when the TGR mode and any indication of the inclination is switched off. However, there must be no other reference to The R&A and use of such statements as "R&A Approved" or "R&A Tested" is prohibited.

If you have a query with regard to any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We are retaining the sample for reference purposes.

Yours sincerely

STEVE OTTO (DR)

Director of Research and Testing

