This is a snapshot of the process that the AIU follows in matters related to whereabouts failures. The process is complex, has a lot of stages, offers multiple opportunities for explanation to those concerned, and can take a long time depending on the amount of information that must be verified.

1. Unsuccessful Attempt occurs
2. DCO provides Unsuccessful Attempt Report
3. AIU examines the circumstances to determine if all the requirements of a Whereabouts Failure have been met including requesting further information from the DCO
4. Notification of apparent Whereabouts Failure sent to Athlete and explanation requested

14 DAYS IN NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES

5. Following AIU review, the Athlete’s explanation is either accepted, in which case no Whereabouts Failure is confirmed, or rejected and Whereabouts Failure is confirmed against the Athlete.
6. AIU examination of the Athlete’s explanation and supporting documents. This may require deeper investigation and evidence gathering to ascertain the veracity of the explanation, including speaking to one or more third parties (DCO, Chaperone, other witnesses).

7. IF CONFIRMED, the athlete has right to request Administrative Review of decision and may present new documents and evidence to support their request

14 DAYS IN NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES

8. Athlete explanation received

MAY TAKE MONTHS DEPENDING ON THE SPECIFICS OF THE CASE

9. Administrative Review decision either upholds or withdraws decision to confirm Whereabouts Failure against the Athlete. If upheld, Whereabouts Failure is confirmed.

10. AIU conducts fresh review of the Whereabouts Failure using a person not involved in the previous evaluation.

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11. The AIU conducts a fresh internal review of all prior Whereabouts Failures before determining whether a Notice of Charge will be issued against the Athlete.

IN NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES 30 DAYS FOLLOWING CONFIRMATION OF THE 3RD MISSED TEST

12. If the athlete accumulates 3 Whereabouts Failures (any combination of Missed Tests and Filing Failures) in a 12-month period, there is an Anti-Doping Rule Violation.

13. Notice of Charge issued, and athlete is provisionally suspended.