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Mr. Scott Peterson
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Dear Mr. Peterson:

Decision: 2015 - 67

This is in reference to **Tour X Jolt** laser rangefinder, received on January 16, 2015, which you submitted for an official ruling. This is hand-held laser rangefinder providing distance readouts in meters and yards. The rangefinder features a removable smart-key, which contains key hardware components necessary to enable the device with the capability of providing an adjusted estimate of distance based on gradient.

Based on our understanding that the device is incapable of gauging or measuring any parameter other than distance with the red smart key removed, the device, as submitted, has been evaluated and it has been determined that the use of this product is permitted under the Rules of Golf when a Committee establishes a Local Rule permitting the use of distance measuring devices (see Decision 14-3/0.5). However, please note that in the absence of such a Local Rule, use of the **Tour X Jolt** laser rangefinder during a stipulated round is contrary to Rule 14-3.

In advertisements of the **Tour X Jolt** laser rangefinder, you are authorized to make the statement: "Permitted when Local Rule is in effect (see USGA Decision 14-3/0.5) when the red smart key is removed." Use of the USGA seal or logo and/or statements such as "USGA Approved" or "USGA Tested" is prohibited.

We are retaining the sample as a record of this decision.

The USGA reserves the right to change the Rules and interpretations regulating equipment at any time.

Sincerely,

John Spitzer
Managing Director-Equipment Standards

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cc: Mark Newell, Chair of the Rules Committee
John Bodenhamer
Thomas Pagel
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