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APPENDIX 8

FIA REGIONAL RALLY SPORTING REGULATIONS ARTICLE 53 “COMPETITOR SAFETY”

53.1 EQUIPMENT OF THE CREWS

Whenever a car is in motion on any type of special stage and until the stop control, the crew must wear homologated crash helmets, all required safety clothing and equipment in compliance with Appendix L Chapter III - Drivers' Equipment as intended by the equipment manufacturer and have their safety belts correctly fastened. Any infringement will be penalised by the Stewards.

53.2 EQUIPMENT OF THE CARS

53.2.1 In case a Safety Emergency console (Tracking System) is provided by the organiser, the system must be easily accessible for the driver and co-driver when seated with their harnesses fastened.

53.2.2 “SOS/OK” sign:

Each competing car shall carry a red “SOS” sign and on the reverse a green “OK” sign measuring at least 42 cm x 29.7 cm (A3). The sign must be placed in the car and be readily accessible for both drivers.

53.2.3 Each competing car must carry a red reflective triangle.

53.3 INCIDENT ON A SPECIAL STAGE

53.3.1 In the case of an accident where urgent medical attention is required, the following applies:

- The SOS switch on the emergency console must be activated as soon as possible (if applicable)
- When possible the red “SOS” sign should immediately be displayed to the following cars and to any helicopter attempting to assist.
- As soon as possible, the red reflective triangle must be placed in a conspicuous position on the same side of the road as the car at least 50 metres before the car's position, in order to warn following drivers, even if the car is off the road.

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53.3.2 Any crew which has the red “SOS” sign displayed to them, or which sees a car which has suffered an accident, and the OK sign is not shown, shall immediately and without exception stop to render assistance. All following cars shall also stop. The second car at the scene shall proceed to inform the next radio point. Subsequent cars shall leave a clear route for emergency vehicles. All crews stopped by this procedure will be allocated a time according to Art. 52.

53.3.3 In the case of an accident where immediate medical intervention is not required or of a car stopping for any other reason on or beside a special stage, whether temporarily or permanently, the following applies:

- The OK switch on the emergency console must be activated within one minute (if applicable).
- The green “OK” sign must immediately be displayed to the following cars and to any helicopter attempting to assist. If the crew leaves the vehicle, the “OK” sign must be displayed so that it is clearly visible to all following crews.
- The red triangle must be placed in a conspicuous position on the same side of the road as the car by a member of the crew at least 50 metres before the car’s position, in order to warn following drivers, even if the car is off the road.

53.3.4 Should it not be possible, for whatever reason, to display the OK/SOS board in any of the above situations, this may be replaced by an evident and clearly understandable sign language shown by the crew outside of the car:

- an arm and thumb up to indicate “OK”
- crossed arms above the head to indicate “SOS”.

53.3.5 Any crew which is able but fails to comply with the above rules will be reported by the Clerk of the Course to the Stewards.

53.3.6 The road book shall contain a page giving the accident procedure.

53.3.7 Any crew retiring from a rally must report such final retirement to the organisers as soon as possible, save in a case of force majeure. Any crew failing to comply will be subject to a penalty at the Stewards’ discretion.

53.4 INCIDENT ON A SPECIAL STAGE INVOLVING A PERSON WHO IS NOT A CREW MEMBER

If a crew is involved in an accident in which a member of the public sustains physical injury, the car must stop immediately, and the procedure as laid down in Article 53.3.1 must be followed.

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53.5 USE OF RED FLAGS

53.5.1 Electronic Red Flags (if applicable)

Electronic red flags will be used in all competing cars. When activated from rally control, the screen of the Emergency Console will turn red and show the message “RED FLAG”. Crews must immediately confirm the electronic Red Flag by pressing the button “ACKNOWLEDGE” and proceed as specified in Art. 53.5.3.

53.5.2 Red Flags at radio points

The Red Flag will be displayed to crews only on the instruction of the Clerk of the Course. The flags may only be displayed at radio points marked in the road book and by a marshal wearing a distinctive jacket of the colour stipulated in Appendix III, Article 5.2.7 and on which is marked the radio point symbol. Flags will be displayed at all radio points preceding the incident. A Red Flag must be available at each stage radio point (situated at approximately 5 km intervals). No flag other than the Red Flag may be deployed at any point in a special stage.

53.5.3 Meanings of a Red Flag

On passing a displayed Red Flag and/or receiving an electronic Red Flag, whichever happens first,, the driver must immediately reduce speed, maintain this reduced speed until the end of the special stage, and follow the instructions of any marshals or intervention car drivers. Failure to comply with this rule will entail a penalty at the discretion of the Stewards.

53.5.4 A crew which has been shown the Red Flag will be given a notional time for the stage as in according to Art. 52.

53.5.5 If different signalling systems (e.g. flashing lights) are used in super special stages, full details must be included in the Supplementary Regulations.

53.5.6 If a stage is interrupted or stopped and the crews are required to pass through the special stage, a Red Flag must be displayed at the start to inform the drivers how they must proceed.

53.5.7 Red Flag points during reconnaissance

During reconnaissance, a sign bearing the radio post symbol must be displayed at the location of each radio point. This sign may be smaller than that used in the rally but must be clearly visible to crews performing reconnaissance in order that the locations may be noted.