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Due to observations in previous events, the Stewards remind the competitors of the regulations in force regarding **fire extinguishing systems**.

The fire extinguisher system is a major safety item to protect the crew in case of fire in the car. It is essential for the driver's safety and safety is one of the major concerns by the FIA. Safety remains a key challenge and the FIA is committed to do everything possible to protect, amongst others, the drivers.

The system must be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and with Technical Listn°52. Article 283-7 of Appendix J to the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code does not specify when the system can be switched on or switched off. For this reason, and in accordance with Art. 25.3.1 of the FIA Cross-Country Sporting Regulations, it must always be active (system armed) during the competition. **During the competition means that the systems must be activated when leaving the service park, on road sections, on special stages and in the Parc Fermé.**

The FIA Technical Delegate will instruct the Scrutineers to check the status of the fire extinguishing systems during the competition and report any infringements to the Stewards.

In Cross-Country rallies it is often seen that most competitors do not know where and what kind of service is allowed. Therefore the Stewards wish to point out the following definitions in the rules: **Prohibited service** is the use or receipt by the crew of any manufactured materials (solid or liquid, as e.g. bottled water, unless supplied by the organisers), spare parts, tools, or equipment other than those carried in competing FIA groups vehicles, **or the prohibited presence of team personnel**.

A team is made up of the competitor, the crew **and support personnel** (e.g. mechanics, team manager, team media, physiotherapist, etc.)

The presence of team personnel or any team conveyance (including helicopters) is **prohibited within 1 kilometre of its competing car except:**

- in service parks (bivouacs) and remote service zones.
- in commercial fuel stations and refuelling zones, other than inside a competitive part of a Selective Section.
- at the end of Selective Sections (from the finish line sign to the stop sign at the end of the Selective Section).



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- whilst the vehicles are in a media zone.
- where the competing vehicles following the route as prescribed in the Roadbook are required to use the same road(s) at the same time as team personnel.
- in Selective Sections as long the competition vehicles are in motion.

The passing of food, drink, and clothing to or from the crew is permitted whilst the crew members are:

- in service parks (bivouacs);
- in remote service zones;
- in tyre fitting zones;
- at regroupings;
- at rest halts;
- whilst the vehicles are in a media zone;
- on road sections on a common road with the crews

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