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**Subject**: Yellow flag / Red flag in Rally

**Modification of regulation related to Yellow flag / Red flag in Rally**

Dear Sir or Madam,

In order to comply with the standard flag signals used by the FIA, it has been decided to change the colour of the flags used in Rally (from yellow to red).

The following flag signals are used in Circuit Racing and Hill Climb:
- Yellow flag, initiated by the track marshal  
  o An incident has occurred and the track may be obstructed: reduce your speed and be prepared to avoid a hazard. However, the race is not over and a green flag will authorise you to restart the race.
- Red flag  
  o The Clerk of the Course has decided to suspend the race: you must either stop immediately or drive slowly into the pit lane.

In this context, and on the basis of this description, the red flag is the most appropriate flag to use in order to suspend a special stage in a Rally.

Considering that, following the decision of the Clerk of the Course, the Rally special stage will be stopped once the red flag has been displayed, and drivers must reduce their speed and proceed to the finish at a reduced speed, the yellow flag is not appropriate in these circumstances for this type of message, as it might cause confusion.

It has therefore rightly been decided that the red flag be used instead of the yellow flag in order to cancel a special stage, for consistency purposes.

**The Article 5.5.4 of the Appendix H to the ISC has been updated on 14 June 2017 for application as from 1st January 2018.**

We remain at your disposal for any further information you may require.

Yours faithfully,

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