Dear Manufacturer,

We hereby inform you that the FIA has updated FIA Standard 8862-2009 in order to allow manufacturers to homologate rally seat brackets. The updated FIA standard can be found on the FIA website at the following link: https://www.fia.com/regulation/category/762.

In circuit competition, it is compulsory for the seats approved according to FIA Standard 8862-2009 to be used with seat brackets homologated with the seat. However, in rally events, in contrast to circuit events, it is desirable that when the seat is loaded in the lateral direction due to intrusion, the seat and driver/co-driver mass is decoupled from the mass of the car. Therefore, the seat brackets homologated for circuit events are not suitable for rally events.

For this reason, FIA Standard 8862-2009 has been updated to define the test and requirements for rally seat brackets.

Manufacturers can already request extensions of their seat homologations to include rally seat brackets that comply with Art. 4.9 of the updated standard.

Homologated rally seat brackets will be compulsory in WRC 400 and 500 in 2020 and, in 2021, for the rest of rally categories when using a seat according to FIA Standard 8862-2000.

It will be possible to identify the rally seat brackets in the technical list and with their homologation label. In circuit events, it is compulsory to use brackets with the label shown in Figure 1, and in rally events, it will be compulsory to use brackets with the label shown in Figure 2.

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

Yours faithfully,
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