



To : Manufacturers, Test houses and all ASNs

From : FIA Safety Department

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Subject : FIA Standard 8856-2018 Protective Clothing for Automobile Drivers

Dear Sir or Madam,

We hereby inform you that the FIA has published an update of FIA Standard 8856-2018 Protective Clothing for Automobile Drivers, which can be found on the **FIA website**.

FIA Standard 8856-2018 for Protective Clothing was updated to enhance new interpretations concerning innovation and creativity regarding protective clothing. The updates allow manufacturers to develop new types of Cooling garments and Overgarments, thereby improving the comfort of competitors during the harsh environments that are part of motor sport.

A clarification was also made relative to the Balaclava homologation and protection against heat transfer.

The list of modifications can be found at the end of the document.

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

The Safety Department