

## Appendix "J"

### to the International Sporting Code 1972

#### Classification, definition and specifications of cars

*Specifications in Italics are interpretations or explanations given by the CSI since the introduction of the present Appendix "J" in 1966*

#### TITLE I

##### CLASSIFICATION OF CARS

**Art. 251**—**Categories and groups:** cars competing in events shall be distributed into the following categories and groups:

**Category A:** recognized production cars (numbers between brackets are those of the required minimum production in 12 consecutive months).

- Group 1 : series-production touring cars (5,000).
- Group 2 : special touring cars (1,000).
- Group 3 : series-production grand touring cars (1,000).
- Group 4 : special grand touring cars (500).

**Category B:** experimental competition cars.

- Group 5 : sports cars.

**Category C:** racing cars.

- Group 7 : two-seater racing cars.
- Group 8 : International formula racing cars.
- Group 9 : "formule libre" racing cars.

#### TITLE II

##### DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PRESCRIPTIONS

**Art. 252.—Definitions a) Recognized production cars:** cars of which the series-production of a certain number of identical (see definition of this word hereafter) cars, has been completed within a certain period of time, and which are meant for the normal sale (see below) to the individual purchaser. This period of time is of 12 consecutive months. The checking of the existing minimum production enables the ACN to apply to the FIA for recognition (see this word below).

**b) Experimental competition cars:** cars which have nothing or which have no more to do with a series-production vehicle, either that only one of the type has been built, or that the number of units which has been built is inferior to what is required for the group for which the minimum number of units annually produced is the smallest, or that although they originate from a series-production car, they have been modified or equipped with new accessories to the point that their series-production nature has been lost.

**c) Racing cars:** cars manufactured solely for speed races on a circuit or a closed course. These cars are generally defined by the international racing formulae the specifications of which are fixed by the FIA for a certain period of

time. Racing cars not being defined by any international formula are said to be "formule libre" and their specifications must in that case be set out in the supplementary regulations of the event.

**d) Identical:** by "identical" cars are meant cars belonging to one and the same fabrication series and which have the same coachwork (outside and inside), same mechanical components and same chassis (even though this chassis may be amalgamated with the coachwork in case of a unitary construction).

"Mechanical components" include all parts for the propulsion, suspension, steering and braking system and all accessories whether moving or not which are necessary for their normal functioning (such as for instance, electric accessories).

By chassis is meant the structure of the car which holds mechanical components and coachwork together, and includes any structural part which is located below the horizontal plane passing through the centre of the wheel hubs.

**e) Minimum production:** this minimum production, different for each group of cars, applies to cars which are identical, the manufacturing of which has been fully completed within a period of 12 consecutive months.

By "minimum series" should be understood only a number of entirely finished cars, eg, cars in running condition and ready for delivery to the purchasers.

**f) Normal sale:** means the distribution of cars to individual purchasers through the normal commercial channels of the manufacturer.

**g) Recognition:** is the official certification made by the FIA that a minimum number of cars of a specific model has been made on series-production terms to justify classification in group 1, 2, 3 or 4 of these regulations. Application for recognition shall be submitted to the FIA by the ACN of the country in which the vehicle is manufactured and shall entail the drawing up of a recognition form (see below). It must be established in accordance with the special regulations, called "Regulations for Recognition", laid down by the FIA, and a manufacturer wishing to obtain the recognition of his model(s) must undertake to abide by their prescriptions. Recognition will only be granted to car-models which were still in production on 1st January 1970 or the production of which was started after that date. Recognition of a series-produced car will become void 4 years after the date on which the series-production of the said model has been stopped.

Recognition of a model may only be valid for one group. The transferring of a previously recognized model from one group to another will therefore nullify the effect of the said previous recognition.

##### *Definitive abandonment of the series-production*

*The series production is regarded as completely stopped if the monthly rate has decreased for more than four consecutive months to below 1/12th of the minimum figure required by the Appendix "J" for the minimum production of the group in which the model is recognized.*

##### *Definition of the term "model of car"*

*By "model of car" is meant all the cars belonging to a production series distinguishable by a specific conception and specific external general lines of the coachwork, and by an identical mechanical conception of the engine and the transmission to the wheels.*

*A model of car may exist in several variants (for example, different power or engine cylinder-capacity), which may possibly be the subject of separate recognitions.*

*However, taking the Art. 252g as a basis, it must be pointed out that, if the Sub-Commission for Recognitions has the possibility, for practical reasons, to authorize the recognition of certain variants of a same car-model in different Groups of cars,*