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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 List n°52. Article 283-7 of Appendix J to the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code does not specify when the system can be switched on or switched off. For this reason, it must always be active (system armed) during the competition. **During the competition means that the systems must be activated when leaving the bivouac, on road sections, on special stages and in the Parc Fermé.**

If the fire extinguisher system cannot be activated for any reason, especially because there is no battery in the control unit or the battery is empty, the scrutineers will refuse to allow the vehicle to continue and report the incident to the Stewards. **A system without the necessary or empty battery will be considered as an attempted fraud and will be penalized accordingly by the Stewards.**

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. The Stewards, in general, will penalise the competitor with a fine of 1000 €.

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