

Request number
(to be completed by the Committee Secretariat)

WEC_2023_R07_Toyota_Gazoo_Racing_Personnel_limitation

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Type of applicant: ☒ Team ☒ Manufacturer ☐ Other:

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CATEGORY

☒ Hypercar ☐ LMP2 ☐ LMGTE Am

CAR MODEL

PURPOSE OF THE REQUEST

Dear Committee,
We need a clarification on the following wording.

4.5.2 Operational staff: definition

Anyone involved in the operations of cars and not included in the exemptions (see Article 4.5.3) will be considered as part of the operational staff. As such, their information must be included in the declaration.

Operational staff means:

- o Engineering personnel, including Technical Director and Team Manager (race, performance, systems, engine, hybrid systems, strategy, aero, electronic engineers, etc.);
- o Mechanics, including composite specialists;
- o IT, radio, telemetry, parts management personnel;
- o Design and technical support personnel. For the avoidance of doubt, this encompasses any personnel provided with a seat and a computer in one of the Competitor's technical offices;
- o Weather forecasting and monitoring personnel;
- o Tyre management personnel (including the supplier personnel).

4.5.3 Operational staff: exemptions

- o Hospitality, motor homes and catering personnel;
- o Sponsors, marketing, media and public relations personnel;
- o Security personnel and truck drivers, to the extent they have no role (e.g.: rim and tyre handling) during the Competition;
- o Drivers and their medical staff;
- o Executives from the Competitor's parent company or sponsor brand (e.g.: President, Team Principal, Chairman, Managing Director);
- o Design and technical support personnel, to the extent that they are not involved in car operations;
- o Industry and supplier personnel, to the extent that they supply parts and/or services to at least two Competitors entered in the Hypercar category with two different homologated models of cars, sponsored by two different car brands.

- None of the personnel concerned by these exemptions may benefit from a seated position with / or without a laptop in one of the technical spaces attributed to the Competitor.

We would need clarification about which tyre supplier personnel should be included in a team's operational personnel, corresponding to which precise tasks allocated to him.

The background of our request is:

- *Michelin personnel, even affected exclusively to a team, is only part time present in the team, essentially during running sessions and briefings/debriefings*
- *Not being under the team's management, we cannot allocate to Michelin personnel other tasks, which results in a loss of operational potential for most of the event duration.*

According to the clarification outcome (which tasks trigger an operational position in the team), there will be an incentive to handle ourselves those tyre related tasks without Michelin support. This may not be the intention of this rule, but would certainly be the outcome considering how critical is the operational personnel situation.

APPLICABLE REGULATION

- ☒ 2023 FIA WEC Sporting Regulations
- ☐ 2023 Le Mans Hypercar Technical Regulations
- ☐ 2023 LMDh Technical Regulations
- ☐ 2023 Technical Regulations for LMP2 Prototype Homologated in 2017
- ☐ 2023 Technical Regulations for Grand Touring Cars – LMGTE Homologated from 2016
- ☐ Other:

APPLICABLE REGULATION (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COMMITTEE)

- ☒ 2023 FIA WEC Sporting Regulations – **Article: 4.5.2**
- ☐ 2023 Le Mans Hypercar Technical Regulations – **Article:**
- ☐ 2023 LMDh Technical Regulations – **Article:**
- ☐ 2023 Technical Regulations for LMP2 Prototype Homologated in 2017 – **Article:**
- ☐ 2023 Technical Regulations for Grand Touring Cars – LMGTE Homologated from 2016 – **Article:**
- ☐ Other:

DECISION (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COMMITTEE)

- ☒ **Accepted**
- ☐ **Accepted (conditional – see comments below)**
- ☐ **Rejected**
- ☐ **Suspended**
- ☐ **Other: see comments below**

Date: 16/02/2023

COMMENTS (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COMMITTEE)

The WEC Committee accepts that the Michelin person that is affected exclusively to Toyota Gazoo Racing, but only part time present in the team is an exemption of the operational staff.

PERIOD OF VALIDITY/APPLICATION OF THE DECISION

This decision comes into effect:

- ☒ **with immediate application**
☐ from:

And is applicable:

- ☒ **until further notice**
☐ for the above-mentioned Competition only