

**A/To: All ASNs, FIA Technical Department, FIA Sporting Departments**

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**Underwear overlap, Update of Art.2 "Flame resistant clothing" of APPENDIX L CHAPTER III "Drivers' Equipment"**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We would like to inform you that the FIA has established a minimum overlap requirement between the balaclava and the top underwear.

The driver's neck, wrists and ankles are vulnerable parts of the body. Therefore, these parts must always be covered by at least two articles of protective clothing. However, drivers have a tendency to use smaller underwear, and as a consequence the articles of clothing sometimes barely or do not overlap, especially around the neck area.

For this reason, the FIA has decided to define a minimum overlap required in the neck area (between the balaclava and the top underwear) of 3cm, except on the front central line where the overlap shall be at least of 8cm as shown in Figure 1.

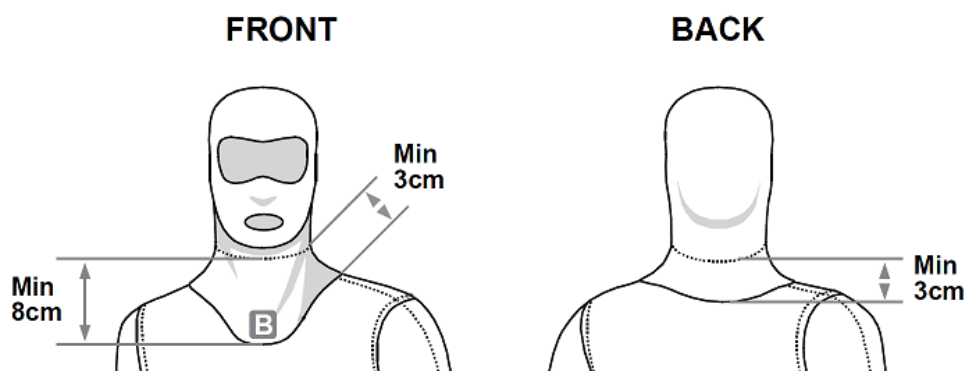


Figure 1 – minimum overlapping at the neck area



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This requirement will be applicable from 01.01.2017 in circuit competitions, hill-climbs, special stages of rallies and selective sections of cross-country competitions entered on the International Sporting Calendar and any other regulation following Appendix L of the International Sporting Code. The updated regulation can be found in the last section "Modifications for 2017" of Appendix L to the International Sporting Code.

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

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nuria Encinas', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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