

ASSISTANCE INFORMATION NOTE – 17/07/08

FOR DAKAR 2009, THE REGULATIONS FOR THE ASSISTANCE T5 CARS HAVE BEEN LIGHTENED.

1. STRONGLY RECOMMENDED BUT NO LONGER COMPULSORY :

ONLY FOR T5 CARS :

- **the roll bars**
- **the 4 point harness**
- **the individual seats for all crew members**
- the FT3 type fuel tanks.
- Tubes, funnels, mountings and air breathers conform to the 2008 technical regulations for cross-country vehicles.

FOR ALL CATEGORIES :

- 2 sand ladders
- the helmet
- the VHF radio
- 1 strombe lamp
- 1 distress mirror
- 1 compass

HAVE BECOME COMPULSORY FOR ALL CATEGORIES :

- **1 Etrack**, provided by the organisers (included in entry fee)
- 1 safety triangle
- 2 yellow fluorescent jackets per vehicle
- 1 towing strap
- all-terrain tyres

2. ELIGIBLE VEHICLES :

- **Petrol or diesel production 4x4 vehicles.**
- S.U.V. and 'all terrain' vehicles must request permission to participate, accompanied by a photo (with the number plate visible) and a photocopy of the vehicle registration papers.
- **Off-road production trucks of more than 3.5 tonnes.**
- At the start of the race, ASO reserve the right to refuse the entry of all vehicles which appear not to be suitable or which do not correspond to the vehicle declared, or all car more than 6 years old or a truck more than 15 years old.
- Assistance vehicles entered in the **car category** must not measure more than **2.50 m high.**
- **Trucks** in the assistance category must not measure more than **4.00 m high.** Attention : the official maximum height is 4.00 m in both Argentina and Chile (bridges, electrical lines etc.). Therefore it is not possible to put materials, wheels etc. on the roof of the trucks !

3. CREWS :

Crews may be composed of :

- **From 2, up to 4 persons, in trucks**, if the truck is homologated for 4 persons as standard, and providing this is stated on the registration papers.
- **From 2, up to 4 persons, in cars**, depending on the type of vehicle entered. Only 4x4s having the possibility on the registration documents, to carry 4 people on board, will be allowed to transport 4 people.