



The new Motor Insurance Directive proposal threatens European motorsport companies and employment

Object: EU Citizen feedback to COM(2018)336/976568 - Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL amending Directive 2009/103/EC of 16/09/18 relating to insurance against civil liability in respect of the use of motor vehicles and enforcement of the obligation to insure against such liability

Dear [Insert "Minister" or MEP's name here],

Shortly, the European parliament and the Council of the European Union will discuss, and vote on, a newly-revised Motor Insurance Directive (MID) from the European Commission. Unless the text of this Directive is amended, it will cause the loss of tens of thousands of jobs and motorsport-related businesses across all EU Member States.

The newly proposed "scope" of the MID requires new insurance to cover "*any use of a vehicle, consistent with its normal function as a means of transport, irrespective of the terrain on which the motor vehicle is used and whether it is stationary or in motion*". In which case, all motorsport vehicles will have to be insured for personal injury to other competitors AND for car-to-car damage during competition.

Critically, the specialist insurance market for EU motorsport has advised the European Commission that NO INSURANCE, providing the increased cover as above is, or will be, available for any kind of motorsport activity in the EU.

So, unless the MID is amended, as suggested below, all motorsport will become illegal in Europe. This would destroy the European motorsport industry, the jobs and technologies it provides and the freedom of millions to enjoy the sport they love.

In my motorsport-related organisation, this would mean [Insert number of employees here] employees would lose their jobs and many more would be lost in my [Insert number of suppliers here] suppliers, across the EU and UK.

To secure the future of my company and of my staff, I join with the Motorsport Industry Association (MIA), the FIA and the European motorsport industry to appeal to you to, please, ensure the text of the MID is amended as follows:

- a) the obligatory insurance of the Directive must apply only to "*vehicles used in traffic*" and/or..
- b) as the use of motorsport vehicles in competition is clearly not their '*normal function as a means of transport*', that they are recognised as being outside the Directive's scope.

Please do all you can to retain employment, investment and the sport of European motorsport which is threatened by the proposed wording of this Motor Insurance Directive.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours faithfully,

[Insert your name here]
[Insert your company's name here]