5TH CATEGORY - HISTORIC CARS

I. General Regulations

1.1 The following definitions and general requirements governing Historic Cars have been adopted to facilitate the organisation of competitions and meetings in which such vehicles are involved.

1.2 CAMS in its absolute discretion reserves the right to accept or reject any vehicle for Historic classification or to classify, withdraw classification, or re-classify a vehicle to a group which in its absolute discretion CAMS believes it conceptually belongs. The issue of all historic log books and Certificates of Description must be firstly authorised by the Historic Eligibility Committee**s** and then issued through the CAMS National Office. A central register of Historic vehicles in all 5th Category groups is maintained by CAMS National Office.

A determination by the Historic Eligibility Committee**s** with regard to the historic classification of any vehicle will be unconditionally binding on any AMSAC, Tribunal or Steward's hearing or in any proceeding involving that determination. In the event of disputation concerning a decision of the Historic Eligibility Committee**s** aggrieved competitors may lodge an appeal in writing to the Historic Commission setting out the areas of disputation and providing any appropriate evidence which may be required in support of their claim.

1.3 Before commencing construction or modification of a special or the acquisition and/or restoration of a vehicle, it is most advisable that CAMS National Office or the State Historic Eligibility Officer be contacted regarding eligibility of the said vehicle.

1.4 Three-wheeled vehicles participating in events exclusively for Historic vehicles are exempted from NCR 12.

1.5 **Historic Certificate of Description:** All new Historic Vehicle Log Books being issued (with the exception of Groups N and S) are accompanied by a Historic Certificate of Description. This Certificate of Description is a recognition document identifying the specification in which the vehicle described has been approved by CAMS as eligible to compete in events for 5th Category Historic Cars. The vehicle must comply with the approved specification in all respects whenever it competes in such events. The Certificate provides no warranty of the authenticity of the vehicle or the originality of the approved specification and has been produced by CAMS based on the information available to it at the time of preparation. No responsibility can be taken by CAMS, its officers or staff for the accuracy of the data therein.

Entry forms for all 5th Category events should include provision for the competitor to confirm that a Historic Certificate of Description has been issued by nominating the number of that document.

1.6 **Log Books:** The production of a properly entered Historic vehicle log book issued by CAMS is required by NCR 150. Vehicles in all Historic groups are to comply with the requirement of Schedule L – Vehicle Log Books (refer to "General Requirements for Cars and Drivers" in the CAMS Manual of Motor Sport). In addition:

(i) Vehicle Log Books must be endorsed for the 5th Category and/or titled "Historic Vehicle Log Book", and

(ii) Vehicles must comply with their Certificate of Description (where such a document is required), or specification sheet. Such Certificate of Description or specification sheet being a Recognition Certificate as referred to in Schedule L (refer "General Requirements for Cars and Drivers").

When log books are requested to be presented, a Certificate of Description (where required) must also be presented.

Entry forms for all 5th Category events should include provision for the competitor to confirm that a Historic vehicle log book has been issued by nominating the number of that document.

1.7 **Temporary Permit to Compete:** A temporary permit to compete, specific to the 5th Category – historic cars, is acceptable as an alternative to the possession of a Historic Certificate of Description (refer article 1.5) or a Historic Vehicle Log Book (refer article 1.6). Such permits may be issued at the sole discretion of **the** CAMS **Historic Eligibility Committees** in the following circumstances:

- where a vehicle is visiting temporarily from outside Australia (refer article 1.8) or
- where an application for a Historic Certificate of Description and/or a Historic Vehicle Log Book has been submitted and is in course of process at the time an event entry is submitted or
- where the Historic Commission, in conjunction with the relevant Eligibility Committee, wishes to evaluate a vehicle or vehicle type for possible future historic classification. Such vehicles must carry the identification letter of 'E' (Evaluation) adjacent to the number on the car. The vehicle should be listed in the result sheets to aid with the evaluation and take its appropriate place on the grid in the events, however will not be eligible for any awards at the meeting.

1.8 **Visiting Vehicles:** The CAMS policy for 'overseas' competitor vehicle eligibility documentation is as follows:

- It is necessary for paperwork evidencing the eligibility of the vehicle in its country of origin to be presented to CAMS (eg, **FIA** HTP).

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- In order to be used in competition, such vehicles are required to be subject of a Temporary Permit to Compete issued by CAMS for each event in which it is entered.
- Overseas vehicles may be permitted to compete for up to 12 months from the date of issue of the first Temporary Permit to Compete, at the discretion of CAMS, without being required to hold a Certificate of Description. Thereafter the vehicle will require a CAMS Certificate of Description.
- If it becomes apparent that there is an eligibility problem with the vehicle, CAMS reserves the right to not issue a Temporary Permit to Compete for the vehicle. (Competitors should be aware of the requirements of Schedule L – Vehicle Log Books - refer "General Requirements for Cars and Drivers".)
- In selecting appropriate overseas vehicles to race for a limited period in Australian 5th Category events, in terms of article 1.8, both genuine historic cars with a competition history and reconstructions of significantly important historic vehicles that are known to have been lost or destroyed will be acceptable.

1.9 Eligibility Maintenance: As indicated in para. 1.5, all 5th Category vehicles must comply with their approved specification as detailed on their Certificate of Description or Specification Sheets in all respects whenever they compete in 5th Category events. Historic Technical Commissioners and Eligibility Officers are responsible for checking the compliance of vehicles with their approved specifications (ref. NCR 177 and 178).

1.10 Awards: The award of prizes of a monetary nature for competition in any 5th Category event is not permitted without the prior approval of the Historic Commission.

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