

## **RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR ACQUIRING AN FIA HERITAGE CERTIFICATE**

### Purpose

The FIA Heritage Certificate (HC) is a statement that in the opinion of the FIA, the car for which it has been issued is both authentic and original.

An HC may also include comments, reservations or warnings concerning specific aspects of the compliance of the car or its history. For example a car which has been rebodied or extensively modified from new may be eligible for an HC, but this will state that the car varies significantly from its original specification. A chassis with an original chassis/VIN number and continuous existence will still be required.

The HC will be issued in co-operation with the FIVA who will provide further safeguards against error.

### Conditions

An HC will be issued only for a car which can be shown to the satisfaction of the FIA

- (i) to have existed continuously as a complete car since it was first built by the manufacturer whose name it carries; and
- (ii) to have been first built in the appropriate year; and
- (iii) either (a) to have a chassis/VIN number which was allocated to it when new by the manufacturer; or
  - (b) to have a history entirely consistent with the absence of a chassis/VIN number giving rise to no reasonable doubt as to its authenticity.

In each case the applicant must be able to demonstrate to the entire satisfaction of the FIA a clear and continuous link back to the original point of manufacture by means of documents or other evidence including, but not limited to, invoices, bills of sale, photographs, import documentation, official paperwork, contemporary records or contemporary correspondence.

If the car clearly and unambiguously satisfies the criteria, the HC will be granted as soon as the FIA has examined the application. If the HC is refused, reasons will be given. An unsuccessful applicant can appeal to the FIA Heritage Review Panel. He can also submit additional evidence if he thinks this will help. The applicant's national club may appeal the Review Panel's decision to the FIA Court of Appeal if the club claims the proper procedures have not been followed or if either the club or the Review Panel certifies that a point of general interest is involved.

## Procedure

1. Request an application form from national club or from FIA.
2. Submit completed form to FIA.
3. FIA conducts preliminary investigation using its database.
4. FIA representative inspects car.
5. Dossier goes to FIA Heritage Committee.
6. Application is accepted or rejected.
7. If rejected, applicant can appeal to the Review Panel.
8. If he is not satisfied with the Review Panel's decision, the applicant can request his national club to appeal to the FIA International Court of Appeal .

## Fees

1. For an application to the Heritage Committee (steps 1 to 6 above):

€ 1,500 per application plus inspector's expenses.

The element of this fee which is attributable to the inspector may be reduced if an owner submits two or more applications which allow several cars to be inspected on the same day and at the same place by the same inspector, or if several owners can arrange to have a number of cars present in one place for inspection at the same time. Specific arrangements must be made with FIA before implementation of this option.

The fee will not be refundable if an application fails. Inspector's expenses will be on an International scale for mileage, subsistence etc and will be agreed with the owner(s) before an inspection takes place. An applicant may opt to take the vehicle to the inspector rather than require the inspector go to the vehicle.

2. For an application to the Review Panel (step 7 above):

€10,000 per application, the applicant will also bear all expenses associated with the review except the expense of convening the panel.

An advance against these expenses may be required before the dossier is treated.

The fee, but not the expenses, will be refunded if the application for review succeeds. However, neither the fee nor the expenses will be refunded if the application is rejected by the Review Panel.

3. The fee for an appeal to the FIA International Court of Appeal is set by the applicant's national club