

Vendée Globe 2008-2009

Amendment no. 5.1 to the Notice of Race

21 October 2008

This rider modifies several clauses in the Notice of race issued on 10 October 2006 and several clauses in Amendment no. 5 to the Notice of Race, issued on 9 October 2008.

In order to facilitate the reading of the document:

Modifications are given in bold in this amendment.

Changes to Amendment no. 5

2.1.1.2 Authorised weather information

Now reads

In addition to the information provided by the SAEM Vendée, and Météo France, competitors are authorized to gather only the following weather data :

- **Satellite images**
- **Meteorological charts, of observed and forecast data**
- **Digital data files**

Access to this digital or graphic information is authorized only if :

- **it is accessible to all competitors, with or without payment, and there exists no exclusive arrangement between a data supplier and a competitor or a group of competitors.**
- **the information is "raw", that is to say, as published by the weather organizations, and not modified, prepared or appraised for a competitor or a group of competitors.**

Access to digital information is authorised only if it is provided, directly or indirectly, by an official weather organization : *Météo France, Met Office, ECMWF, NOAA, NCEP.*

Access to graphic information is authorised only if it is provided, directly or indirectly, by an official weather organization.

However, the data may be reformatted to facilitate or accelerate access, so long as this reformatting does not modify the weather information contained within.

At the request of the Race Office, each competitor must be able to provide the Race Office with the access details and any software required for the reading and use of the data.

The Race Office reserves the right to prohibit a competitor's access to data which in its judgement would contravene the letter or the spirit of the rules of the race and of this amendment.