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Situation

A national authority prescribes that in any international jury appointed for races within its jurisdiction, at least two of the judges should be members of her national authority.

Question 1

Does this rule add to, and therefore change, appendix N?

Answer 1

Yes. According to rule 86.1(a) a national authority cannot change Appendix N by means of national prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing. An addition to a rule is a change of the rule. Appendix N describes the composition of international juries. Because this prescription adds an extra restriction to the composition of the international jury, it must be considered as an addition to Appendix N.

However, rule 91(b) gives the national authority the right to prescribe that its approval is required for the appointment of international juries for races within its jurisdiction.

When a national authority has such a prescription, the national authority has the right to state the criterion under which its approval will be given. This can be done by means of a national regulation so that the organizers know what requirements they must comply with in order to obtain the national authority's approval. Any international jury approved must still comply with rule N1.1.

(**Note** that this would not apply when ISAF appoints the international jury under rule 89.2(b).)

Question 2

Could such a prescription be an addition to the second sentence of rule 91(b), and therefore a permitted change of the rule, allowing the national authority to create more detailed requirements about the composition of any international jury within its jurisdiction?

Answer 2

No. A national authority cannot change a rule of Part 7 – see rule 86.1(a).