
Date: 18.2.2024 **Time:** 17:00 hrs
Subject: STEWARDS DECISION No. 14 **Document No:** 2.15

From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM of car No. 13
Crew GRÉGOIRE MUNSTER / LOUIS LOUKA

All Competitors / crew members

The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course with documentary evidence attached, summoned the above crew members as well as a competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts Failure by the crew addressed above to place the red warning triangle on the road in a conspicuous position at least 50 metres before the car's position on Special Stage 15 on Saturday 17th February 2024 at 19:15 hrs. Further to this, the crew also failed to show the OK sign to any of the following cars passing their position (Car Nos. 37, 11, 33, 16).

Offence Breach of Art. 53.3.3 of the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.

Decision Having considered that Mr. Munster is a FIA priority 1 driver, Driver Grégoire Munster and Co-driver Louis Louka shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a **fine of € 1000**.
In accordance with Art. 12.8 of the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code, fines shall be paid within 48 hours of their notification. Any delay in making payment may entail Suspension during the period a fine remains unpaid.

Reason At the hearing on Sunday 18th February 2024 at 14:30 hrs, the following persons were present:

HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WORLD RALLY TEAM
Team Manager Tolga Ozakinci
Driver Thierry Neuville
Co-Driver Martijn Wydaeghe

M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM
Team Manager Pablo Marcos
Driver Grégoire Munster
Co-Driver Louis Louka
Driver Adrien Fourmaux
Co-Driver Alexandre Coria

TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT
Sporting Director Kaj Lindström
Driver Elfyn Evans
Co-Driver Scott Martin
Driver Lorenzo Bertelli
Co-Driver Simone Scattolin

The crew of Car 13 explained that the door of the car on the co-driver's side was blocked by the snowbank. Therefore, it was almost impossible to reach the triangle, as it had slipped under the co-driver's seat. Also, they were sure that they would only be there for a short time and were working hard to get the car out of the snowbank.

The crew pointed out that they had pushed the OK button on the SAS Safety Tracking System immediately after stopping and made themselves clearly visible for all the following cars.

The Stewards however conclude that based on the video evidence seen and the nighttime conditions during the running of the stage, the use of a warning triangle is of utmost importance for the safety of the crew stopped and others. The OK transmitted to the cars' SAS system is not mentioned under Art. 53.3.3 as a replacement for the physical OK sign, but the crews of the four passing cars (as listed above) confirmed to have seen the driver and co-driver outside the car giving a hand sign to tell they were OK.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Edoardo Delleani
The Stewards



Kai Tarkiainen



Bertil Klarin

This decision was notified to the Competitor's officially nominated representative as below:

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	PABLO MARCOS	<i>Date:</i>	18.2.2024
<i>Position within the team:</i>	TEAM MANAGER	<i>Time:</i>	17:05

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