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**From:** The Stewards  
**To:** The Competitor SC - 911 TEAM of car No. 23  
Crew NIKOLAY GRYAZIN / ANDRIS MĀLNIEKS

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course with photographic evidence attached, summoned the co-driver and the competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**Facts** The co-driver of car No. 23 was competing on SS4 without having his helmet strap correctly fastened and with the collar of his overall not closed.

**Offence** Breach of:  
- Art. 53.1 of the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations  
- Art. 12.2.1.h of the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code  
- Art. 1 and 2 of Chapter III–Appendix L to the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code  
- Appendix 5 to the Event Supplementary Regulations

**Decision** 1) **1-minute** time penalty on the Competitor No. 23 **SC - 911 TEAM**, to be applied at TC8C  
2) a **fine of € 400** on the Co-driver **ANDRIS MĀLNIEKS** of car No. 23

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** The Competitor was given the possibility, if he wished, to bring forward any representations other than having forgotten to properly wear the safety equipment.

The Competitor informed that he would make representations.

A hearing was held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 20.50 hrs in the presence of the co-driver and the competitor's representative Mr. Damien Dulenc, Team Coordinator. The co-driver stated that they had arrived at the SS4 suffering some technical problems and they had to fix that. For this reason, he forgot to fasten his helmet properly.

Art. 53.1 of the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations stipulates that in the event that a crew realises that any of their helmets is not correctly fastened, they may stop in a safe location on the stage and re-fasten it without penalty.

The co-driver apologised and the Stewards understand that no competitor would deliberately contest a special stage without their helmet and other safety equipment secured properly. However, competitors must recognise that if their protective equipment is not secured or not worn correctly on a special stage, they must stop and correct it before continuing.

As the crew did not stop to do so, they gained an advantage and would put themselves, and perhaps others, at risk of injuries.

The Stewards therefore conclude that this offence warrants both a time penalty and a fine.

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



Tim Mayer



Linda Medne

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	<b>DAMIEN DULENC</b>	<i>Date:</i>	<b>19.7.2024</b>
<i>Position within the team:</i>	<b>TEAM COORDINATOR</b>	<i>Time:</i>	<b>21:35</b>

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