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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 FIA Technical Delegate with data evidence included, summoned the above competitor's representative as well as both crew members, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts On Friday 06th September 2024 at 15.20 hrs, on the road section after SS4, car No. 13 moved for about 200 meters without the High-Voltage vehicle status light on (green light).
The data showed that a BMS and BMSL reset had initiated on the car while the car was still moving.

Offence Breach of Article 3.3 of Supplement 10 of Appendix H to the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code in conjunction with Art. 11.8 of Bulletin No. 3, the HY documentations and user guide.

Decision **Fine of € 5,000.00** on Competitor of car No. 13 M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM.
This fine is applied with **suspension of sentence** subject to no further breach by Competitor M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM of the above-mentioned article and HY documentations and user guide infringements committed within the framework of a competition of the FIA World Rally Championship during the year 2024.

Reason A hearing was held on Saturday 07th September 2024 at 10.15 hrs in the presence of the Team Manager of Competitor No. 13, Mr. Pablo Marcos.
Mr. Marcos asked the Stewards to postpone the hearing to Sunday morning in order to have the possibility to talk with the crew and to check the data with their engineers. The Stewards agreed on his request.

The hearing was reconvened on Sunday 08th September 2024 at 09.30 hrs in the presence of Mr. Pablo Marcos and a team engineer, Mr. Alex Tarmey.
The FIA Technical Delegate, Mr. Jérôme Toquet, and his Assistant, Mr. Marc Bouffanais, also attended the hearing.

Mr. Tarmey explained that an automatic reset of BMS and BMSL started on Friday while the car was moving on the road section after SS4, and this was the reason why car No. 13 was moving without the status light on (green light) at 15.20 hrs.


Mr. Bouffanais stated that, as mentioned in the HY documentations (point 8.4 of the software user manual), the reset of BMSL has to be performed only in standstill. He also added that the FIA had already asked M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM not to use the automatic reset of BMS and BMSL from their Software, following a remark sent by the FIA Technical Delegate regarding similar issues during a previous WRC event.

Mr. Tarmey pointed out that they need to re-check the software in order to grant the cancellation of any automatic reset procedure.

The software settings are under the responsibility of each competitor, and therefore M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM should avoid any other accidental breach of the above-mentioned regulations in the future.

The Stewards determined that the fine imposed in the present case, applied with suspension of sentence, was appropriate under the circumstances.

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.



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The Stewards



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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	PABLO MARCOS	<i>Date:</i>	8.9.2024
<i>Position within the team:</i>	TEAM MANAGER	<i>Time:</i>	15:55

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