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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

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The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Deputy Technical Delegate with photo and on-board video evidence included, summoned the above competitor's representative as well as both crew members, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**Facts** The co-driver of car No. 13 had his safety belts not properly fastened while the car was in motion on SS6.

**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
- Chapter III Art. 4 of Appendix L to the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code

**Decision** To impose a **1-minute time penalty** on the Competitor of Car No. 13 M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM, to be applied at TC11A.

**Reason** A hearing was held on Saturday 07<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 15.15 hrs in the presence of the Team Manager, Mr. Pablo Marcos.

The Stewards showed to Mr. Marcos the video footage of SS6 available on Rally.tv, in which it was clear that the right side of the safety belt of the co-driver of car No. 13 was loose and not properly fastened when the crew restarted after their stop on the stage due to a tyre change.

Mr. Marcos confirmed that he had had the same feeling immediately after watching the live TV; however, he asked the Stewards the possibility to have the complete crew shot of the on board camera of car No. 13.

The Stewards agreed on his request and decided to reconvene the hearing at a later stage.

At 16.35 hrs the hearing was resumed in the presence of Mr. Marcos. The Stewards explained him that, unfortunately, due to a card problem, the data of car No. 13 had not been recorded for the whole loop of stages of Friday 06<sup>th</sup> September afternoon. However, as discussed in the previous hearing, the available video clearly showed that the safety belts of the co-driver of car No. 13 were loose and not properly fastened while the car was in motion.

The Stewards conclude that it is the crew responsibility to ensure that the safety equipment is fastened, tightened and used correctly throughout the stage and also before restarting after a stop on a Special Stage.

Art 53.1 of the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations clearly states that the safety belts must be fastened whenever a car is in motion and, additionally, Chapter III Art.4 of the Appendix L to the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code clearly states that the drivers must be properly restrained in their seat by safety belts in conformity with the technical regulations for the vehicle concerned at all times during a special stage.

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



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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	<b>PABLO MARCOS</b>	<i>Date:</i>	<b>7.9.2024</b>
<i>Position within the team:</i>	<b>TEAM MANAGER</b>	<i>Time:</i>	<b>18:57</b>

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