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Subject:	STEWARDS DECISION No. 8	Document No:	2.9

From:	The Stewards
To:	The Competitor M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM of car No. 55 Crew JOSHUA MCERLEAN / EOIN TREACY

All Competitors / Crew Members

The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course with video evidence attached, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts	Car No. 55 moved a part of the chicane on SS10 – Kepty 1 at km 17.14 (Road Book 2, page 3-38, Box 22) at approximately 10.47 hrs on 18 th October 2025.
Offence	- Breach of Article 19.2 of the 2025 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations. - Breach of Article 12.16.1 of the Supplementary Regulations of Central European Rally 2025.
Decision	A 5-second time penalty on Competitor M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM of car No. 55 to be applied to the special stage time for SS10 – Kepty 1.
Reason	The competitor's representative and the crew were informed accordingly by the Stewards and were given the possibility, if they wished, to bring forward any representations. The competitor's representative and the crew confirmed that they did not want to make any further representations.

The Stewards reviewed the video footage provided by the Clerk of the Course. The video evidence shows that at 10.47 hrs, during SS10 – Kepty 1, at km 17.14 (Road Book 2, page 3-38, Box 22), car No. 55 completely knocked the last straw bale, forming part of a physical chicane, resulting in the bale being moved from its defined position.

The Stewards note that during reconnaissance, the chicane was not yet physically in place, but its location was clearly marked on the road at the exact spot where it was subsequently installed for the competition. The Stewards further note that the layout and positioning of the chicane were sufficiently clear for the other competitors.

After due deliberation, the Stewards are satisfied that the deviation from the defined roadway was unintentional. Articles 19.2 of the 2025 FIA World Rally Championship Sporting Regulations and 12.16.1 of the 2025 Central European Rally Supplementary Regulations both clearly state that any deviation from the defined roadway and any failure to pass a chicane in the correct manner constitute an infringement and will be reported to the Stewards.

Accordingly, the Stewards conclude that a breach of the above-mentioned Articles has occurred. Taking into account comparable precedents and the specific circumstances of this incident, the Stewards consider that a time penalty of five seconds represents an appropriate and proportionate sanction in this case.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2025 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Mathieu Remmerie
The Stewards



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Wilhelm Singer

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

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<i>Position within the team:</i>	TEAM MANAGER	<i>Time:</i>	14:30

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