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**From:** The Stewards

**To:** The Competitor THOMAS PAHLITZSCH of car No. 43  
Crew THOMAS PAHLITZSCH / STEFAN GRUNDMANN

All Competitors / Crew Members

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

**Facts** Car No. 43 moved both temporary cones, which are the alternative to the chicane according to Article 12.16.1 of the Supplementary Regulations of the event, out of the marking on SS13 – Klatovy 2 at 13.20 km (Road Book 2, page 3-91, Box 25) at approximately 16.16 hrs on 18<sup>th</sup> 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 THOMAS PAHLITZSCH of car No. 43 to be applied to the special stage time for SS13 – Klatovy 2.

**Reason** The Stewards received a report from the Clerk of the Course, supported by a statement from the Marshal and photographic evidence, indicating that car No. 43 moved both temporary cones, which were serving as the alternative to the physical chicane in accordance with Article 12.16.1 of the Supplementary Regulations, from their marked positions on SS13 – Klatovy 2 at 13.20 km.

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.

Based on the photographic material and the Marshal's report and after due deliberation, the Stewards are satisfied that both cones had been displaced from their intended marked positions and 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



Slaven Dedić



Wilhelm Singer

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	<b>ROLAND LESCHHORN</b>	<i>Date:</i>	<b>18.10.2025</b>
<i>Position within the team:</i>	<b>TEAM REPRESENTATIVE</b>	<i>Time:</i>	<b>19:25</b>

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