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From: The Stewards

To: The Competitor TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT of car No. 18
Crew TAKAMOTO KATSUTA / AARON JOHNSTON

All Competitors / Crew Members

The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course, summoned the above crew members as well as the competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts Car No. 18 re-entered the Time Control Zone at TC5D.

Offence Breach of Article 42.5.2 of the 2025 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.

Decision

- 1) Reprimand imposed on the Crew of car No. 18.
- 2) Fine of € 1000 on the Competitor of car No. 18 (TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT)

In accordance with Art. 12.8 of the 2025 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 Stewards heard from the Driver, Mr. TAKAMOTO KATSUTA, the Co-Driver, Mr. AARON JOHNSTON, and the Sporting Director, Mr. KAJ LINDSTRÖM via remote connection from the Service Park in Passau on Friday 17th October 2025 at 20.10 hrs.

The Stewards also reviewed the report from the Clerk of the Course, the timekeeping records, and the relevant articles in the 2025 FIA World Rally Championship Sporting Regulations.

Mr. JOHNSTON explained that when arriving at TC5D (Technical Zone OUT / Tyre Fitting Zone IN), there was no yellow board marking the entrance to the control area, and the section leading to TC5D was crowded with people and stationary vehicles, creating significant confusion. He confirmed that they drove approximately 10 metres into the Tyre Fitting Zone before realising their mistake and reversing. He apologised for the incident, explaining that it arose from the confusion that prevailed in this particular Technical Zone.

Mr. KATSUTA confirmed this account, noting that he was following the co-driver's guidance, while Mr. LINDSTRÖM highlighted that the area was open to the public and very crowded at the time, which added to the confusion.

The Stewards acknowledge that Article 42.5.2 of the 2025 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations clearly advises against re-entering a control area. However, in this case, the specific circumstances at the location — including unclear physical demarcation and the high level of activity — contributed to the crew's lapse.

Taking these mitigating factors into account, the Stewards decided to issue the above mentioned penalties. However, due to the particular circumstances of this case, this

decision shall not be considered as a precedent for any future Stewards' decisions related to a similar breach.

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:

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	KAJ LINDSTRÖM	<i>Date:</i>	17.10.2025
<i>Position within the team:</i>	SPORTING DIRECTOR	<i>Time:</i>	22:20

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