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Subject:	STEWARDS DECISION No. 9	Document No:	2.10

From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor KEVIN VAZQUEZ of car No. 72
Crew KEVIN VASQUEZ / JUAN PABLO MONASTEROLO

All Competitors / crew members

The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Deputy Technical Delegate, summoned the above crew members as well as a competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts	During routine checks after Remote Refuel Zone RZ4, the Codriver of car No. 72 was found lifting the car, using a wheel nut gun to operate the jack
Offence	Breach of Article 260-900-d1 of Appendix J to the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code
Decision	Fine of €300 jointly and severally on the Crew KEVIN VASQUEZ / JUAN PABLO MONASTEROLO of car No. 72

In accordance with Art. 12.8 of the 2026 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 examined the video evidence and heard from the Driver KEVIN VASQUEZ of Car No. 72, as well as from the Competitor's Representative Mr. Leonardo David Balbuena Valiente, on Saturday, 29 August 2026 at 14:40 hrs.
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During routine checks after Remote Refuel Zone RZ4, the Scrutineers observed the Co-Driver of Car No. 72 lifting the car by using the wheel nut gun to operate the jack.

During the hearing, the Driver explained that such a procedure is permitted in Bolivia, where he usually competes, and that he has limited experience of competing in FIA World Rally Championship events. He apologised for his lapse.

Article 260-900-d1 of Appendix J to the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code requires the jack to be operated exclusively by hand, either by the Driver or the Co-Driver, without the assistance of a system equipped with a hydraulic, pneumatic or electric energy source.

The Stewards determine that the use of the wheel nut gun to operate the jack was not in conformity with Article 260-900-d1 of Appendix J to the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code.

In reaching their decision, the Stewards took into account that the crew of Car No. 72 is a non-priority crew and does not regularly compete in FIA World Rally Championship events. The Stewards therefore considered that the crew may have been less familiar with the specific regulatory requirements applicable at this level.

In view of the particular circumstances of this case, the Stewards consider the above-mentioned penalty appropriate. This decision is based on the specific circumstances

of this incident and shall not be regarded as a precedent for future infringements of a similar nature.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 5 of the 2026 FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Tanja Geilhausen
The Stewards



David Domingo



Francisco Peroni

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	LEONARDO DAVID BALBUENA VALIENTE	<i>Date:</i>	29.8.2026
<i>Position within the team:</i>	TEAM MANAGER	<i>Time:</i>	15:35

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