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**From:** The Stewards  
**To:** The Competitor TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT of car No. 17  
Crew SÉBASTIEN OGIER / VINCENT LANDAIS

All Competitors / crew members

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

**Facts** The Crew of Car No. 17 reversed back to the Refuelling Zone 4 after refuelling to add some more fuel. During this second refuelling, the Driver of Car No. 17 SÉBASTIEN OGIER entered the car before the refuelling personnel had finished the refuelling operation.

**Offence** Breach of Articles:  
- 61.2.8 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations  
- 12.2.1.h of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code

**Decision** a) To impose a **Reprimand** on Driver SÉBASTIEN OGIER  
b) To impose a **Fine of € 1000** on the Driver SÉBASTIEN OGIER. This fine is being applied with suspension of sentence subject to no further breach of Article 61.2 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulation (Refuelling Procedure) by the Driver SÉBASTIEN OGIER at any FIA WRC event during the 2023 season.

**Reason** The Stewards summoned and heard the Driver Mr. SÉBASTIEN OGIER, the Co-driver Mr. VINCENT LANDAIS of Car No. 17 and the Sporting Director Mr. KAJ LINDSTRÖM of TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 at 19:35 hrs.

The Driver of Car No.17 explained that immediately after refuelling in the Refuelling Zone 4, they realised that a little bit more fuel was needed and therefore had decided to reverse back to the Refuelling Zone 4 in order to add some more fuel. Furthermore, Mr. SÉBASTIEN OGIER stated that during the refuelling operation both drivers were outside the car.

The Stewards then heard the marshal on duty at the Refuelling Zone 4 and the refuelling personnel. The marshal explained that the Crew of Car No. 17 had completed the refuelling operation and just after leaving the refuelling zone they had reversed back to the refuelling area.

The refuelling personnel added that during the refuelling operation the Driver SÉBASTIEN OGIER and the Co-Driver VINCENT LANDAIS of Car No. 17 were outside the car, but then the Driver SÉBASTIEN OGIER entered the car 1-2 seconds too early before the refuelling operation had completely finished. The refuelling personnel had to stop refuelling at that point, as they are instructed to do so for safety reasons.

The Driver of the Car No. 17 apologised for rushing into the car too early in front of the refuelling personnel.

Art. 61.2 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations clearly describes the refuelling procedure and how the crew should behave inside the refuelling zone to ensure a

safe refuelling operation. Furthermore, it is the Crew's responsibility to follow such regulations precisely and not to enter the car before the refuelling operation has completely ended.

The Stewards conclude that imposing a fine on the Driver SÉBASTIEN OGIER of Car No. 17 is appropriate in this case, the fine itself being suspended until the end of the 2023 WRC season.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Silver Kütt  
The Stewards



Tanja Geilhausen



Alice Scutellà

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	<b>TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT</b>	<i>Date:</i>	<b>3.06.2023</b>
<i>Position within the team:</i>	<b>SPORTING DIRECTOR</b>	<i>Time:</i>	<b>12:27</b>

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