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From: **The Stewards**  
To: Competitor car no. **16 Philip Allen**  
Crew: **Philip Allen / Craig Drew**

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The Stewards, having received a report and photos (Doc. 6.3) from the FIA Technical Delegate, summoned the above crew as well as a competitor's representative, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

**Fact:** During Technical Zone 12A, the scrutineers noticed that on one tyre fitted on car #16 the pattern was modified (handcutted). Barcode of the tyre is 05008776.

**Offence:** Breach of Art. 13.1.2 of the Regional Rally Sporting Regulations (RRSR)

**Decision:** **Fine 3000€**

In accordance with Article 12.8 FIA International Sporting Code, the payment of the fines must be done online, within 48 hours of their notification, at the following address: <https://fiafines.fia.com>. Any delay in making payment may entail Suspension during the period a fine remains unpaid.

**Reason:** The crew was informed accordingly by the Stewards and was given the possibility, if they wished, to bring forward any representations. The Co-driver stated that it was a mistake of the engineer. He also stated that they didn't want to use this tyre, but after their crash at SS12 they were forced to do so. He apologised for the lapse.

According to the report of the FIA Technical Delegate, it was only one illegal tyre installed on the car.

RRSR Art. 13.1.2 states that *all cars must be fitted with moulded tyres. Hand cutting or modification of the specified tread pattern is not permitted, unless otherwise permitted in the regional variation sporting regulations.*

The relevant article in the regulations for the European Rally Championship do not permit any exception from Art. 13.1.2.

However, the Stewards conclude that the competitor did not gain any sporting advantage that would have jeopardised the fairness of the Competition, nor did it create any safety risk. Also, due to various incidents in the rally, the competitor lost a lot of time and is therefore low down in the classification.

The Stewards conclude that the sanction must be exemplary to prevent future similar breaches. Considering the list of sanctions established in article 12.4.1.h of the Code, the Stewards conclude that a time penalty and disqualification would be disproportionate given the particularities of the present case.

The Stewards find, however, that the competitor must be sanctioned for the breach and that a fine would therefore be a more adequate sanction. The penalty imposed by the Stewards take into account the violation in question and the facts and considerations mentioned above.

This decision cannot be regarded as precedence, as the situation in this case is an unusual one.

Competitors are reminded of their right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.



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FIA Steward



**Sue SANDERS (GBR)**  
ASN Steward

<i>Name in block letters</i>	<b>Craig Drew</b>	Date	<b>1.9.2024</b>
<i>Position in the team</i>	<b>Co-Driver and Representative</b>	Time	<b>18.00</b>

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