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Subject: STEWARDS DECISION No. 10 **Document No:** 2.11

From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM of car No. 7
Crew PIERRE-LOUIS LOUBET / BENJAMIN VEILLAS

The Stewards, having received evidence of an incident involving the crew of car No. 7, summoned the competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts The driver of car No. 7 was driving on SS4 without having his helmet strap correctly fastened and with his balaclava not properly worn. Furthermore, the co-driver had his overall not correctly closed, with part of the balaclava outside it.

Offence Breach of:
- Art. 53.1 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations,
- Art. 12.2.1.h of the International Sporting Code
- Art. 1 and 2 of Chapter III–Appendix L to the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code
- Appendix 5 to the Supplementary Regulations

Decision 1) **1-minute** time penalty on M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM of car No. 7, to be applied at TC5

2) Driver PIERRE-LOUIS LOUBET and Co-driver BENJAMIN VEILLAS shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a **fine of € 1500**

In accordance with Art. 12.8 of the 2023 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 Competitor was informed accordingly by the Stewards and was given the possibility, if he wished, to bring forward any representations other than having forgotten to properly wear the safety equipment.

The Competitor informed that he would not make any further representations.

All protective equipment, including helmets, are to be worn on a special stage until the stop control for safety reasons, as stipulated in WRC Art. 53.1. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that their protective equipment is properly secured before starting a special stage.

The Stewards understand that no competitor would deliberately contest a special stage without their helmet and other safety equipment secured properly. However, competitors must recognise that if their protective equipment is not secured or not worn correctly on a special stage, they must stop and correct it before continuing. By not doing so, they would put themselves, and perhaps others, at risk of injuries.

The Stewards therefore conclude that this offence warrants both a time penalty and a fine.

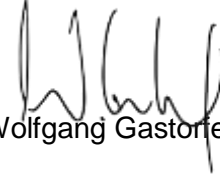
Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



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The Stewards



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

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