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**Date:** Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Time: 21.00 hrs

**Subject:** STEWARDS DECISION N° 29Document No: 2.31

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**From:** The Stewards**To:** Competitor: Vehicle No 415 Name: **SEBASTIEN LOEB RACING – BARDAHL TEAM**  
Crew: **XAVIER DE SOULTRAIT / MARTIN BONNET**

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The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Technical Delegate (Doc. n° 6.11), having examined the document, having heard the codriver, having considered the following matter, determine the following:

**Fact:** During routine checks at the Neutralization zone of SS5, the co-driver of the vehicle No 415 was wearing a watch which was not a Rebellion Edition Dakar, the only authorized watch as stated in the CoC Communication No 1.

**Offence:** Breach of Art. 9.1.6 of the FIA 2023 Cross Country Rally Sporting Regulations (V1)

**Decision:**

- **Disqualification from Rally Dakar 2023**, which is suspended until the end of Rally Dakar 2023 subject to no further breach of similar nature committed by the competitor during this period.
- **To impose 30 minutes time penalty in the Stage 5.**

**Reason:** During the hearing, The Stewards reminded the codriver of Art. 9.1.6 of the FIA 2023 Cross Country Rally Sporting Regulations (V1): *"Watches of any kind are not permitted in the competition vehicle, with the exception of the model provided by the Promoter"*.

Codriver was also reminded of the content of the Communication No 1 from the Clerk of the Course (Doc 3.1):

1. *With reference to 2023 FIA CCRSR / V1 Art. 9.1.6, the watches make/model Rebellion Edition Dakar delivered by the Promoter to the Crews during Administrative Checks are the only watches permitted in the competition vehicle.*

The codriver stated that the watch provided by the Promoter has been used for two days and then was broken. Instead of this, he has been using a watch of a different brand.

The codriver committed the infringement of the regulations.

The Stewards note that it is the responsibility of the Competitor to familiarize himself with the regulations and not to violate them.

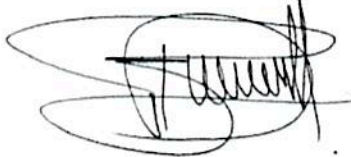
According to Art. 12.1.1 of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code, offences or infringements are punishable, whether they were committed intentionally or through negligence.

The decision is based on the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, Art. 11.9.3 f; Art. 11.9.3.g, Art. 12.3.1, Art. 12.4.1.h., Art. 12.4.1.m, Art. 12.9.1 and Art. 12.4.6.

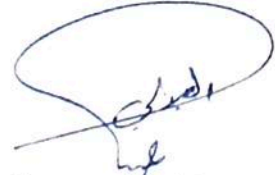
Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.



**Arnas PALIUKENAS**  
FIA Chairperson of the Stewards



**Patrick SUBERVILLE**  
FIA Steward



**Hassan AL ABDALI**  
ASN Steward

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**SEBASTIEN LOEB RACING – BARDAHL TEAM** Vehicle No: 415  
**XAVIER DE SOULTRAIT / MARTIN BONNET**

Signature:



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