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Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION 25**

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From: *The Stewards*

To: *Competitor No 616 Name: **KAY HUZINK***

*Crew: **KAY HUZINK / ROB BUURSEN / GERRIT SCHONEVELD***

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Attachments: -

The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course (Doc 3.44), having heard the Crew Members and the Team Manager (Mr. Pascal DE BAAR), have considered the following matter, and after due deliberation determine the following:

Fact: During Stage 9, a member of the crew of Competitor No. 616 carried out mechanical work in the neutralisation zone at KM 187,98.

Offence: Breach of Article 2 (Neutralisation Zone) and Article 57.1 of the 2026 FIA CCRSR in conjunction with Article 2.5.1 of the 2026 FIA ISC.

Decision: **To impose a time penalty of 10 minutes on Competitor No. 616 for SS9.**

Reason: During the hearing, the crew members explained that they carried out only visual inspections of the vehicle. The mechanic went underneath the vehicle to inspect it but stated that he did not touch the vehicle. The side hatch of the truck was opened in order to take food and drinks.

2026 FIA CCRSR Article 2 states:

NEUTRALISATION ZONE

*A zone within a Selective Section, in which competitors arrive and leave separated by the same interval, timed to the second. **No intervention on the vehicle is allowed.***

Furthermore 2026 FIA CCRSR Article 57.1 in conjunction with 2026 FIA ISC article 2.5.1. states:

*57.1: Vehicles are subject to **parc fermé** rules:*

(...)

• From the moment they enter a neutralisation zone;

(...)

2.5.1: Inside the Parc Fermé, only the officials assigned may enter. No operation, checking, tuning or repair is allowed unless authorised by the same officials or by the applicable regulations.

The officials report states that the mechanic had plastic cable ties (zip ties) in his hand and was carrying out work on the truck. Furthermore, the photographs attached to the report clearly show that the mechanic was lying underneath the vehicle and reaching towards the truck with his hands. The Stewards conclude that there is a breach of the above-mentioned articles.

In determining the penalty, the Stewards consider that a sporting penalty, namely a time penalty, is the most appropriate. This also compensates for the time that would otherwise have been spent on the work, compared to the situation in which it would have been carried

out during the stage at a location where such work was permitted. Having considered all the information, the Stewards find the above-mentioned time penalty to be appropriate.

This decision is based on 2026 FIA ISC Article 11.7.1.a, Art. 11.7.3.a, Art. 11.7.3.f, and Art. 12.4.1.h

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 FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Jan SEINEN
Chair of the Panel of Stewards



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FIA Steward



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ASN Steward

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	PASCAL DE BAAR	<i>Date:</i>	14.01.2026
<i>Position within the team:</i>	TEAM MANAGER	<i>Time:</i>	18:35

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