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Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION N° 4**

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From: *The Stewards*

To: Competitor car no **312** Name: **SPORTS RACING TECHNOLOGIES**
Crew: **Egidijus Valeisa / Mindaugas Varza**

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The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Technical Delegate (Doc. 6.1), having summoned and heard the Team Manager, Mr. Janis KRASTINS, having considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: Clothing items presented by both crew members are not in compliance with the FIA 8856-2018 standard.

Offence: Breach of 2023 FIA International Sporting Code, Appendix L (2023), Chapter III-2. Breach of Article 47.1 of the 2023 FIA Cross-Country Rally Sporting Regulations.

Decision: **1) To impose a fine of 250 € on the driver**
2) To impose a fine of 250 € on the co-driver

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: According to the 2023 ISC Appendix L – Chapter III Drivers' Equipment, 2. Flame-resistant clothing:

(...)

Drivers and co-drivers participating in any competition of the championships listed below must wear overalls as well as gloves (optional for co-drivers), long underwear, a balaclava, socks and shoes homologated to the FIA 8856-2018 standard (Technical List No 74):

(...)

- *FIA World Cup for Cross-Country Bajas, for all drivers (and accompanying co-driver)*

(...)

During the hearing, the Team Manager explained that the Crew participated in a previous round of the 2023 FIA European Cup for Cross-Country Bajas, where the homologation FIA 8856-2000 is valid. The team didn't realise on time that the requirements for a 2023 FIA World Cup for Cross-Country Bajas events are different. Nevertheless, the Team tried to find the proper equipments in the area next to the Italian Baja Head Quarters, without success.

As the mandatory requirements to wear flame-resistant clothing homologated to the FIA 8856-2018 standard refer only to the drivers and co-drivers participating in the 2023 FIA World Cup for Cross-Country Bajas events, whereas clothing homologated to

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the FIA 8856-2000 standard is still acceptable for all the drivers and co-drivers participating in the 2023 FIA European Cup for Cross-Country Bajas events, the Stewards understand that the latter standard still gives a reasonable and acceptable protection and they do hence not consider the infringement of the above crew members as a major infringement of the safety regulations which would, like in most other cases, give rise to a more severe sanction than the one imposed here.

According to FIA ISC 2023 Art. 12.1.1.a, offences or infringements are punishable, whether they were committed intentionally or through negligence.

The Stewards finally conclude that there is a breach of the regulations and that a fine is necessary but sufficient for the reasons set out here.

The decision is based on the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, Art. 11.9.3.f and Art. 12.4.1.c.

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, within the applicable time limits.

Arnas PALIUKENAS
FIA Chairperson of the Stewards

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