Italian Baja

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Date: Sunday, 09th July 2023 Time: 11.00 hrs

Subject: STEWARDS DECISION N° 10 Document No: 2.13

From: The Stewards

To: Competitor Car No 212 Name: VARGA RACING TEAM ASE

Crew: Imre Varga / Jozsef Toma

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The Stewards, having received the report from the FIA Technical Delegate (Doc. n° 6.3), having examined the document, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: During routine checks at the DSS4, after TC4, the driver of the car #212 had his overall not properly closed

Offence: Breach of Article 2 -Chapter III of Appendix L -FIA International Sporting Code.

Breach of Article 47.1 of the FIA 2023 Cross-Country Rally Sporting Regulations.

Decision: To impose a fine penalty of 300 EURO on the driver.

In accordance with Article 12.8 of the FIA 2023 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 Art. 47.1 of the FIA 2023 CCRSR:

"Whenever a vehicle is in motion on any type of Selective Section and until the stop control, the crew mist wear homologated crash helmets, all required safety clothing and equipment in compliance with Appendix L Chapter III – Drivers' Equipment as intended by the equipment manufacturer and have their safety belts correctly fastened (see also Appendix IV to the present regulations)."

2023 International Sporting Code - Appendix L, Chapter III - Art 2 states:

"The balaclava must be worn under the racing suit. The neck, wrists and ankles shall always be covered by at least two articles of protective clothing. The balaclava and top underwear shall overlap by a minimum of 3 cm around the driver's neck, except at the front central line where they shall overlap by at least 8 cm".

Furthermore, the driver of Car No 212 was already reminded at the start of the Prologue of the regulations in force.

This is a very serious safety issue, so the Stewards consider that a fine is appropriated in this case.

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

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.

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