

# 71 RALLY MOTUL COSTA BRAVA,

16 - 18 March 2023



Date:	<b>Friday, 17. March 2023</b>	Time:	<b>09.45 hrs</b>
Subject:	<b>Stewards Decision No. 02</b>	Document No.:	<b>2.4</b>
From:	<b>The Stewards</b>		
To:	Competitor car no: <b>18 - PIERRE VONIC</b> Crew: <b>Pierre VONIC / Nicolas VALICI</b>		
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The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Eligibility Delegate, summoned and heard the drivers (summons No 4.2), have considered the following matter, determine the following:

**Fact:** Car number 18 (BMW M3) was noted to have Xenon technology in the auxiliary lamps at a routine control at the STOP control of SS 1.

**Offence:** **Breach of Appendix K, Art. 3.3.3 and Art. 3.3.6**

**Decision:** **Time penalty of 3 minutes**

**Reason:** The drivers explained that in France the use of Xenon lights is allowed if they fit into the original lamp housing and socket. They were not aware of a different regulation in Appendix K.

The FIA technical regulations state that alternative components to the original manufacturer's specifications can only be used if it is proven that these components were either homologated, or allowed by the period Appendix J and used in that model of car in a Competition entered on the FIA International Sporting Calendar in the period.

The appendix K of the Code is very clear in saying that the technology used, including that allowed with the technology extensions may be modern but must be compatible with that used in period for that model of car.

The Stewards concluded that Xenon bulbs are not compatible with the bulbs used in the period of the car. Since the SS 1 was run in the night, a better light was a big advantage for the crew. The Stewards are of the opinion that a time penalty should not only take away the gained advantage but also should be a sanction for not following the regulations.

The decision is based on the FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, art.11.9.2.a, Art. 11.9.3.a, Art. 11.9.3.f and Art 12.4.1.h.

Competitors are reminded of their 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.

In accordance with Article 15.4.2.b the Stewards set the time limit for the notification of the intention to appeal to 17.03.2024 at 21h00.

**Uwe M. SCHMIDT (DEU)**  
FIA Chairperson of the Stewards

**Janis Krastins (LVA)**  
FIA Steward

**David FUENTES (ESP)**  
ASN Steward

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

<i>Name in block letters</i>	<b>Pierre VONIC</b>	Date	<b>17.03.2023</b>
<i>Position in the team</i>	<b>Driver</b>	Time	<b>09h50</b>