

73 RALLY KH-7 COSTA BRAVA

13 - 15 March 2025



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Subject:	Stewards Decision No. 02	Document No.:	2.3
From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car no: 31 Bertrand METIVIER Crew: Bertrand METIVIER / Fabrice GARIN		
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The Stewards, having received a report with photos as evidence from the FIA Eligibility Delegate, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: Car number 31 (Ford Escort RS1800) was noted to have LED bulbs in the head lights at a routine control at the STOP control after SS 1

Offence: **Breach of International Sporting Code 2025, Appendix K, Appendix VI Art. 2.1.4**
Breach of Supplementary Regulations Art. 11.6

Decision: **Time penalty of 3 minutes to be applied on SS 1**

Reason: 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.

In Supplementary Regulations Art. 11.6 is clearly described that *"All Competitors in Categories 1-4 must not use LED or High Intensity Gas Discharge (HiD) lighting systems, as this is not period technology from the FIA Appendix K definition"*

The Stewards concluded that LED 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 10 hours.

Uwe M. SCHMIDT (DEU)
FIA Chair of the Panel

Alessandro DEGAN (ITA)
FIA Steward

Ruth LAPIEZA (ESP)
ASN Steward

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

Name in block letters	Bertrand METIVIER	Date	13.03.2025
Position in the team	Competitor	Time	22 :15 hrs

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