

73 RALLY KH-7 COSTA BRAVA

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Subject:	Stewards Decision No. 04	Document No.:	2.5
From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car no: 67 ALAIN LEMONNIER Crew: Alain LEMONNIER / Eric BENTOLILA		
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The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Eligibility Delegate, summoned the crew, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: The crew of car n° 67 was asked by the Scrutineers at the exit of the Service Park (TC7f) to submit the Tyre Registration form to them. The Crew refused to hand over the requested form.

Offence: **Breach of the FIA International Sporting Code Art. 12.2.1.i**
Breach of EHRC Sporting Regulations Art. 15.1
Breach of Supplementary Regulations Art. 7.1.5
Breach of FIA Official Championship Communication Bulletin N° 3

Decision: Mr. Alain LEMONNIER and Mr. Eric BENTOLILA shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a **fine of € 500**

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: The crew did not follow the summon and did not inform the stewards of the reason for their absence. The stewards therefore deliberate and decide without hearing the crew.

The EHRC Sporting Regulation make it clear that *"All tyres to be used on each rally must be registered with the FIA prior to being fitted to the vehicle during the competition"*. The same requirement is also described in the Supplementary Regulations. In both regulations there is a reference made to the FIA Official Championship Communication Bulletin 3, which has been published on the Official (digital) Notic Board. As a result, FIA Bulletin N° 3 has become an integral part of the applicable regulations.

Each competitor must use the official FIA Tyre Registration form in all cases. This must be completed as soon as any tyres are fitted to competition vehicle during the rally. On tarmac rallies, the competitors can use up to a maximum of 16 tyres during the competition. The Tyre Registration form is used that the competitors take the responsibility for ensuring that only the maximum number of tyres specified in the regulations is used. During the competition, a scrutineer will mark the Tyre Registration document to ensure that the tyre mounted on the car are listed in the document submitted by the crew. This can happen at any time.

In relation to Article 15.1 of the 2025 FIA EHRC Sporting Regulations, the FIA Championship Communication Bulletin 3 confirms that the regulations used for tyre registration apply for all registered championship, wildcard, non-championship competitors and P2 entries within FIA EHRC events in 2025.

The code is clear saying that the failure to follow the instructions of the relevant officials for the safe and orderly conduct of the Event is a breach of the regulations. The refusal of the crew to hand over the necessary document on the request of the scrutineers is a serious infringement of the Code and must be subject to a significant penalty.

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The breach of the tyre regulations in conjunction with the violation of the FIA International Sporting Code requires a severe penalty for the competitor and the crew.

As the competitor has retired from the rally in leg 3 and he is not registered for the EHRC, the Stewards decided to impose a fine instead of a time penalty. This decision is an exception and should not be used as a precedent for decisions of this nature that affect registered EHRC drivers.

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.c.

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.

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

A blue ink signature of Alessandro DEGAN, written in a cursive style.

Alessandro DEGAN (ITA)
FIA Steward

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Ruth LAPIEZA (ESP)
ASN Steward

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

<i>Name in block letters</i>	Alain LEMONNIER	Date	15.03.2025
<i>Position in the team</i>	Competitor	Time	21.05 hrs