

# 72 RALLY MOTUL COSTA BRAVA,

14 - 16 March 2024



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Subject:	Stewards Decision No. 02	Document No.:	2.3
From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car no: 60 - MATHIEU MARTINETTI Crew: Mathieu MARTINETTI / Virginie MAUREL		
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The Stewards, having received a report with photo forwarded by the Chief Scrutineer, summoned and heard the drivers, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

As the Chief Scrutineer's report concerns one incident but two different offences, the stewards treat the offences separately. Regarding the behaviour of the crew towards the scrutineer, the Stewards will hold a second hearing and call the concerned scrutineer as a witness.

## As to the first offence:

**Fact:** On 15.03.204 at TC4 at about approx.19.00 hrs, the car was found with the external trigger of the fire extinguishing system taped to the body of the car.

**Offence:** Breach of Article 5.7 of Appendix K 2022 of the FIA International Sporting Code (Code)  
Breach of Article 253.7 of Appendix J 2022 of the Code  
Breach of Article 32.2.1 of the FIA European Historic Rally Championship Regulations.

**Decision:** A fine of 500 € severally and jointly on the crew,

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 of both drives during the period a fine remains unpaid.

**Reason:** The competitor was informed accordingly by the Stewards and was given the possibility, if he wished, to bring forward any representations.

A hearing was held on 15<sup>th</sup> at 23h00 in the presence of driver and co-driver. Mr. MARTINETTI explained that he is fixing the external trigger always and since a long time. Nobody has complained about it so far.

Appendix K Art. 5.7.2 states that cars competing in sporting rallies which include special stages must have both a hand-operated extinguisher and an extinguisher system complying with Articles 5.7.1 and 5.7.2 of Article 253.7 of Appendix J. As stipulated in Article 253.7 of Appendix J to the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code, the system must work in all positions. Article 253.7 of Appendix J to the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code does not specify when the system can be switched on or switched off.

In point 7.2.3 of the Appendix J Article 253.7 states: "*Furthermore, a means of triggering from the outside must be combined with the circuit-breaker switch.*"

For the above-mentioned reasons, it must always be operational from the inside and from the outside during the rally and the system must be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Fixing the external trigger violates the above regulations.

The fire extinguisher system is a major safety item to protect the crew in case of fire in the car. It is essential for the driver's safety and safety is one of the major concerns by

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the FIA. Safety remains a key challenge and the FIA is committed to do everything possible to protect, among others, the drivers.

The Stewards therefore concluded that this was a breach of FIA Safety 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.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.

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

**Alessandro DEGAN (ITA)**  
FIA Steward

**David FUENTES (ESP)**  
ASN Steward

<b>Received by the Competitor:</b>	
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Position within the team:	PILOTE
Signature:	
Date: .....	Time: .....