

73 RALLY KH-7 COSTA BRAVA

13 - 15 March 2025



Date:	Saturday, 15 March 2025	Time:	20:37hrs
Subject:	Stewards Decision No. 03	Document No.:	2.4
From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car no: 31 Bertrand METIVIER Crew: Bertrand METIVIER / Fabrice GARIN		
Number of pages: 2		Attachments:	[...]

The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Eligibility Delegate, summoned the crew, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: Car number 31 was at the exit of the Service Park (TC 7f) found with two tires mounted on the car which were not listed on the Tyres Registration form.

Offence: Breach of EHRC Sporting Regulations Art. 15.1
Breach of Supplementary Regulations Art. 7.1.5
Breach of FIA Official Championship Communication / Bulletin 3

Decision: Time penalty of 2 minutes

Reason: The crew explained they have two cars in the team and they changed the tyres short before they left the service park. By mistake the tyres on their car were the tyres of the second car in team. The crew admits that it was not correct, but there was no intention to use more tyres as allowed. They actually use in total only 8 tyres for the whole event.

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) Notice 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. It remains undisputed that two tyres mounted on car # 31 were not listed in the necessary document.

The Stewards concluded that tyres fitted to the vehicle or carried as a spare wheel that are not on the Tyre Registration form constitute a breach of the regulations. This means that it is no longer possible to check whether the maximum number of tyres has been exceeded or not. It does not matter whether the infringement was intentional or accidental.

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.

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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

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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:

Name in block letters	Bertrand METIVIER	Date	15.03.2025
Position in the team	Competitor	Time	<i>2h 41:00</i>
Signature	A large, stylized signature in blue ink, written over the signature row and extending into the time column.		