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| Subject: | <b>Stewards Decision No. 4</b>           | Document No.: | <b>2.8</b>       |

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| From: | <b>The Stewards</b>               |
| To:   | <b>Panta Distribuzione S.p.A.</b> |

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The Stewards, having received a report with photos from the FIA Technical Delegate, summoned and heard the Panta Fuel representative, Mr. Giovanni Cristofanilli (Summons No. 3, Doc 4.3), have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**To Panta Distribuzione S.p.A. (Panta Fuel) being considered participant in ERC Rally di Roma Capitale:**

- (1) Art. 1.3 of the FIA International Sporting Code (the Code) is clear in stating that any person, or group of persons, organising a Competition or taking part therein:
  - Shall be deemed to be acquainted with the statutes and regulations of the FIA and the national regulations.
  - Shall undertake to submit themselves without reserve to the above and to the decisions of the sporting authority and to the consequences resulting therefrom.
- (2) Art. 1.1.1 of the FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulation (RRSR) determines that any suppliers connected with competitive cars are considered to be rally participants in accordance with Article 1.3 of the Code, and as such must adhere to the obligations imposed on them and abide by the decisions of the sporting authority.
- (3) Panta Fuel the contracted fuel supplier of ACI Sport, thus supplying fuel in Rally di Roma.
- (4) The Stewards conclude that, according to the Code and the applicable regulations, Panta Fuel must be considered as participant of ERC Rally di Roma Capitale. Thus, Panta Fuel is under the jurisdiction of the Stewards.

**Fact:** On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> of July Panta Fuel personnel were refuelling competition cars while wearing short trousers, and short-sleeved tops. On Sunday, they put on overalls, when getting aware of the FIA Technical Delegate. They did not wear balaclavas at any time.

**Offence:** A violation according to Art. 12.2.1.h of the FIA International Sporting Code  
Breach of Article 61.2.3 of the 2023 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations.

**Decision: Fine of € 2.000**

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 the payment may entail the infringement being reported to ASN - ACI Sport.

**To refer this matter to the Italian ASN for further consideration.**

**Reason:** At the hearing Mr. Giovanni Cristofanilli explained, that are now aware of the FIA regulations. In Italian rallies it is not required the protect the body as required by FIA. During the day the temperatures were very high, so it was almost impossible to wear the cloth al the time. Especially the balaclava was impossible to wear. Compared to the other teams at refueling, we do this not only for one vehicle but for many vehicles.

Considering that Panta Fuel is a professional supplier providing services in the past on World Rally Championship level, currently on European Rally Championship, and Italian Rally Championship level, the supplier is expected to be aware of the relevant Sporting Regulations and follow them.

Wearing the clothing that provides adequate protection against fire is a major safety item to protect the personnel in case of fire in Refuel Area. It is essential for the personnel's safety and safety is one of the major concerns by the FIA. Safety remains a key challenge and the FIA is committed to do everything possible to protect, among others, the supporting personnel.

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July the FIA Technical Delegate reminded Panta Fuel of the requirements set for the clothing of personnel during the refuelling process as stated in the FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations. Despite this warning, the staff was still verifiably not properly equipped on Sunday.

The Stewards therefore concluded that *Panta Distribuzione S.p.A* has breached FIA International Sporting Code and the 2023 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations. In particular, stewards take into account that Panta Fuel was already referred to the FIA rules at last year's Rally San Remo.

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.

*Panta Distribuzione S.p.A* is reminded of its ight 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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FIA Chairperson of the Stewards



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FIA Steward



**Angelo Raffaele PELILLO (ITA)**  
ASN Steward

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| <i>Name in block letters</i> | Giovanni Cristofanilli | Date | <b>30.07.2023</b> |
| <i>Position in the team</i>  |                        | Time | 18.58 h           |
| <i>Signature</i>             |                        |      |                   |