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From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car No: 53 ESCUDERIA MASPALOMAS Crew: Benjamin AVELLA / Lucía SANTIAGO		

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The Stewards, having received a report with photo from the FIA Technical Delegate, summoned and heard the codriver, (summons No 7, Doc 4.7), have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: During routine checks at the stop of SS8, the car No 53 was found with the fire extinguisher system not activated.

Offence: Breach of Article 253.7.2 of Appendix J 2023 in conjunction with Art. 32.2.1 of 2023 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations.

Decision: Fine of 1.000 €.

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 payment may entail Suspension during the period a fine remains unpaid.

Reason: The drivers were informed accordingly by the Stewards and was given the possibility, if they wished, to bring forward any representations other than having forgotten to activate the extinguisher system.

During the hearing the codriver admitted that it was her mistake.

As stipulated in Article 253.7.2.4 of Appendix J to the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code, the system must work in all positions. Article 253.7.2 of Appendix J to the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code does not specify when the system can be switched on or switched off. For this reason, it must always be active during the rally.

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

It is further to be noted that the Clerk of the Course issued Communication No. 3 on 01st of May 2023 reminding all competitors about the activation of the extinguisher system. Competitors must always ensure that the system is activated before leaving the service park.

The Stewards therefore concluded that this was a breach of Article 253.7.2 of Appendix J to the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code.



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 Article 9.1.1 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

Arnas PALIUKENAS (LTU)
FIA Chairperson of the Stewards

Antonio MEDEIROS (PRT)
FIA Steward

David DOMINGO (ESP)
ASN Steward

This Stewards Decision was notified by email to the Competitor's officially nominated representative and acknowledged as below:

<i>Name in block letters</i>	LUCIA SANTIAGO	Date	06/05/2023
<i>Position in the team</i>	Co-Driver	Time	17:02

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