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**From:** The Stewards  
**To:** The Competitor HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WORLD RALLY TEAM of car No. 8  
Crew OTT TÄNAK / MARTIN JÄRVEOJA  
  
All Competitors / crew members

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course with photo evidence attached, summoned the above crew members as well as a competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**Facts** On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025, after the Stop Control of SS7 (Saarikas 2), car No. 8 arrived at tyre checking and stopped at the direction of a scrutineer. At that moment, the driver of car No. 8 waved his hands asking the scrutineer to move away. In the meantime, another scrutineer started checking the tyres. When the tyre scanning was almost at the end and before receiving the signal to leave, the driver accelerated abruptly, striking a scrutineer with the front right bumper and causing minor injuries, including bloody scratches to the left knee.

**Offence** Breach of Articles 12.2.1.h, 12.2.1.i and 12.2.1.l of the 2025 FIA International Sporting Code.

**Decision**

- 1) 5-minute time penalty** on car No. 8 to be applied at the end of Section 3.
- 2) Withdrawal of 35 championship points** from the Driver Ott Tänak, the Co-driver Martin Järveoja and the Manufacturer HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WORLD RALLY TEAM in the 2025 FIA WRC related Championships. This penalty is applied with suspension of sentence subject to no further breach by Mr. Ott Tänak of the above-mentioned articles of the 2025 FIA International Sporting Code at any FIA WRC events during the year 2025.
- 3)** The Competitor and the Driver of car No. 8 are required to contact the Clerk of the Course of Secto Rally Finland and arrange to apologise directly with the injured scrutineer.

**Reason** A hearing was held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025 at 20.30 hrs in the presence of the Driver Ott Tänak, the Co-driver Martin Järveoja and the Team Representative Mr. Pablo Marcos.  
The Clerk of the Course report was shared with the attendees.

Mr. Tänak stated that they had an accident during SS7 and the car was suffering from cooling problems.  
The team had requested the crew to keep the car moving to avoid the overheating.

Mr. Tänak tried to explain the problem to the scrutineer by using hand gestures as it was difficult to communicate. When he thought the checks were finished, he immediately moved from his position without realising that he had hit the scrutineer. The Driver apologised to the Stewards and stated that he was not aware that the scrutineer had been injured. He stated that had he known that he had hit the scrutineer, he would have stopped immediately. Mr. Tänak also offered to apologise

personally to the injured official.

The Stewards reminded Mr. Tănak that he should have left the checking area only when the instruction was given by the scrutineer. This constitutes a breach of Art. 12.2.1.i of the 2025 FIA International Sporting Code.

As the driver did not pay due attention to the official, he created an unsafe situation and, as a consequence, his car hit the scrutineer, thus causing minor injuries. This constitutes a breach of Art. 12.2.1.h of the 2025 FIA International Sporting Code.

In this case the reckless reaction of Mr. Tănak cannot be mitigated because they were facing overheating problems on their car, which remains under the competitor's responsibility.

The Stewards also reminded Mr. Tănak that the behaviour of all "participants" is a focus area, and the breach of Art. 12.2.1.l (misconduct) of the 2025 FIA International Sporting Code cannot be overlooked.


The Stewards therefore concluded that the above time penalty is appropriate in this case and that the withdrawal of points is applied with suspension of sentence in order to deter future occurrences.

All interested parties are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2025 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the 2025 FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.

In accordance with Chapter 4, Art 10.1.1a - d) of the 2025 FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, the time limit for the notification of the intention to appeal is extended to 10 hours after the publication of this decision on the Digital Notice Board of SECTO RALLY FINLAND.



Edoardo Delleani  
The Stewards



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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	<b>PABLO MARCOS</b>	<i>Date:</i>	<b>2.8.2025</b>
<i>Position within the team:</i>	<b>TEAM MANAGER</b>	<i>Time:</i>	<b>00:20</b>

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