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**From:** The Stewards  
**To:** The Competitor GRÉGOIRE MUNSTER of car No. 24  
Crew GRÉGOIRE MUNSTER / LOUIS LOUKA

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

**Facts** The above addressed Crew were warming tyres on a road section and crossed the traffic lane demarcation line (yellow continuous line) on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 10:39 hrs.

**Offence** Breach of Article 34.3.1 of the 2022 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations and Article 12.5 of the Supplementary Regulations.

**Decision** Fine of € 450 on Competitor No. 24 (GRÉGOIRE MUNSTER) as per Article 34.3.4 a) of the 2022 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations (1<sup>st</sup> traffic infringement other than speeding during the competition element of the rally).

In accordance with Art. 12.8 of the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code, fines shall be paid within 48 hours of their notification. Any delay in making payment may entail Suspension during the period a fine remains unpaid.

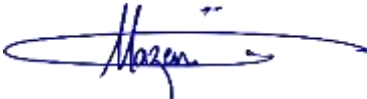
**Reason** The Stewards heard the driver/co-driver of car No. 24 on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 13:30 hrs in the presence of Team Co-ordinator LAURA BORGES and played the video of the recorded evidence submitted by the Officials. The video showed the Crew weaving across the road twice where the car's tyres crossed the lane demarcation line (yellow centreline). The video also showed the car speeding up and braking heavily in a manner to warm up tyres.

The Crew stated admittingly that they recognised the offence that occurred and in hindsight such driving behaviour was incorrect.

The Stewards decide to levy a fine for this 1<sup>st</sup> infringement as they recognised two violations, the act of warming up tyres in a forbidden location and crossing the yellow centreline. The act of warming tyres and driving erratically, in the manner seen in the video, does endanger or inconvenience other traffic or people living near these traffic routes. Moreover, crossing of the yellow centreline is also accounted for as a violation of local traffic regulations.

Competitors and Crews are reminded of the importance of abiding by traffic regulations while driving on roads as stipulated in the 2022 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations and the Supplementary Regulations, which forbids the warming of tyres outside of tyre warming zones. Moreover, the COC had issued multiple Communications regarding Japanese Traffic Regulations.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Mazen Al-Hilli  
The Stewards



Wayne Christie



Kunihiro Tabata

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	<b>LAURA BORGES</b>	<i>Date:</i>	<b>10.11.2022</b>
<i>Position within the team:</i>	<b>TEAM CO-ORDINATOR</b>	<i>Time:</i>	<b>15:35</b>

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