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**Date:** 10 November 2022 **Time:** 15:50 hrs  
**Subject:** STEWARDS DECISION No. 4 **Document No:** 2.5

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**From:** The Stewards  
**To:** The Competitor HYUNDAI MOTORSPORT N of car No. 22  
Crew TEEMU SUNINEN / MIKKO MARKKULA

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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 on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 10:54 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 € 200 on Competitor No. 22 (HYUNDAI MOTORSPORT N) 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. 22 on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 13:10 hrs in the presence of Team Manager KRISTO KRAAG and played the video of the recorded evidence submitted by the Officials. The video showed the Crew accelerating and decelerating erratically on the road section leading to the stage.

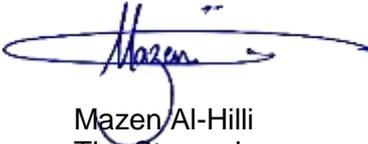
The Crew stated that they were trying to warm up their brakes ahead of the approach to the stage. They concurred with the importance of abiding by the traffic regulations and the tyre warming limitation set out for this rally and stated their concerns about the safety aspect entering the stage with cold brakes.

The Stewards recognise the importance of warming up brakes but, nevertheless, do further recognise that the act of warming brakes also has the effect of warming tyres – which is prohibited outside of tyre warming zones.

The Stewards decide to levy a fine for this 1<sup>st</sup> infringement as they recognised one violation of warming up tyres in a forbidden location. 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.

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>KRISTO KRAAG</b>	<i>Date:</i>	<b>10.11.2022</b>
<i>Position within the team:</i>	<b>TEAM CO-ORDINATOR</b>	<i>Time:</i>	<b>15:55</b>

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