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Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION N° 15**

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From: *The Stewards*

To: Competitor truck No **645** Name: **MARCO PIANA**

Crew: **Marco PIANA / David GIOVANNETTI / Paco FERNANDEZ**

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course (Doc 3.39), having heard the Competitor, having considered the matter, determine the following:

Fact: At the start of Stage 9 beside the name of one of the crew members, the flag of the country he represented was visible.

Offence: Breach of Art. 6.3 of Rally Dakar 2024 Supplementary Regulations.

Decision: **To impose a fine penalty of 500 EUR on Competitor MARCO PIANA, which is applied with suspension of sentence until the end of the event Dakar 2024 subject to no further breach of similar nature committed by the competitor during this period.**

Reason: During the hearing, the competitor admitted the fact. Mr. Piana stated that at the start of one selective section several days ago, a scrutineer informed him that his name was missing on the door. He stated that he grabbed a sticker that he had inside the truck, and fixed it, but did not realize that the flag was next to his name. As they normally arrive really late in the night at the bivouac, they never realised that they did not remove the flag to comply with the regulations, until they received the summon. By the time of the hearing, Mr. Piana declared that the flag has already been removed.

The Stewards finally conclude that there is a breach of the Art. 6.3 of the Supplementary Regulations.

The Stewards decide that in this case an appropriate and sufficient penalty is a fine penalty of 500 EUR.

In the opinion of the Stewards, there are grounds for suspending a fine penalty to be imposed until the end of the event Dakar 2024 subject to no further breach of similar nature committed by the competitor during this period.

The decision is based on the FIA 2024 International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, Art. 12.4.1.c, Art. 12.4.6

The Competitor is reminded that he has the right 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.



Arnas PALIUKENAS
FIA Chairperson of the Stewards



Omar ZAROOUR
FIA Steward



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ASN Steward

Competitor: **MARCO PIANA**

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