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The Stewards, having received a verbal report from the CoC and after conducting an investigation, having summoned, and heard the representative of ERTF Mr. César RODRIGUES, determine the following:

**Fact:** The ERTF does not ensure the fulfilment of its obligations as a service provider in accordance with the requirements of the regulations (in the context of the NAV-GPS primary device and in the context of overtaking)

**Offence:** Breach of the Art. 12.2.1 of the FIA 2024 CCRSR and Appendix 6 of the SR

**Decision:** **To impose a fine penalty of 5000 EUR on the GPS service provider ERTF,**  
**2500 EUR of which is applied with suspension of sentence until the 31.12.2024**  
**subject to no further breach of similar nature committed by GPS service provider**  
**ERTF during this period.**

In accordance with Article 12.8 of the FIA 2024 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 the fine remains unpaid.

**Reason:**

Regarding Art. 12.3.1 of the ISC “*any breach of the Code, of the regulations of the FIA if appropriate, of the national rules, or of any Supplementary Regulations committed by any Organiser, official, Competitor, Driver, Participant, other licence-holder, or other person or organisation may be penalised*”.

Art. 12.2.3 of the 2022 CCRSR V1 stated that “*...NAV-GPS supplied by the Organiser’s service provider...*”

The representative of the ERTF is also referred to in Art. 2.7 “*Senior officials*” of the Supplementary regulations as the *Chief GPS Officer*.

Thus, there is no doubt that ERTF is a service provider and has undertaken commitments to carry out its duties properly.

The services provided by ERTF must comply with the requirements. If the service provider assumes obligations for himself, he must perform them properly.

During the hearing, the representative of the ERTF confirmed that they are not able to ensure that the requirements set out in the Art. 12.2.1 of the FIA 2024 CCRSR and Appendix 6 of the SR are precisely complied with on their part. According to the Stewards, such a situation cannot be tolerated when competitors are required to comply with the regulations, but the service provider is not able to comply with the same regulations. It should be noted that Appendix 6 is prepared by the service provider itself.

In this way, the principles of sports competition could be violated.

Offences or infringements are punishable, whether they were committed intentionally or through negligence (FIA ISC Art. 12.1.1.a).

Any natural or legal person who takes part in an offence or infringement, whether as an instigator or as accomplice, is also punishable (FIA ISC Art. 12.1.1.c).

The regulations in force must be complied with.

When imposing a penalty, Stewards decide that it is appropriate to impose a fine penalty. However, the Stewards consider that there are grounds for suspending part of the fine penalty to be imposed in the hope that the GPS service provider will draw the appropriate conclusions and will not behave in this way in the future.

The decision is based on the FIA 2024 ISC Art. 11.9.1, Art. 11.9.3.a, Art. 11.9.3.f, Art. 12.3.1., Art. 12.4.1.c, Art. 12.4.6

GPS service provider is reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decision 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.



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