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To: Competitor **No 608** Name: **VICK VERSTEIJNEN**
Crew: **VICK VERSTEIJNEN / ANDREAS W.M.M. VAN DER SANDE / TEUN VAN DAL**

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The Stewards have received a petition from Competitor No 608 VICK VERSTEIJNEN (in accordance with Article 14.1.1 of the FIA 2024 International Sporting Code),

The Stewards, having examined the content of the petition, summoned, and heard the competitor/driver and co-driver (the hearing took place online via MS Teams at 21:00 hrs on January 24th, 2024, rally time) determine the following:

The competitor also submitted confirmation of the payment of the fee.

Decision:

- **There is no significant and relevant new element**
- **The petition is rejected**
- **The petition fee is not to be returned to the Petitioner**

Reason:

The petition submitted by the competitor does not meet the requirements of Art. 14.1.1 of the FIA 2024 ISC for its content: petition does not request a review of the previous decision of the Stewards (which is provided for in Art. 14.1.1), at the same time the petitioner himself admitted during the hearing that no significant and relevant new elements had come to light. The petitioner did not take the opportunity to submit a protest in a timely manner, so he decided to submit a petition for review instead of a protest.

However, the right of reviewing the decision of the Stewards provided for in Art. 14.1.1 is of a completely different purpose and nature. This option is not provided for in order to use it instead of a protest. The content of the review option is very clearly disclosed in Article 14.1.1: *..... a significant and relevant new element is discovered which was unavailable to the parties seeking the review at the time of the decision concerned....*

The competitor explained that the organiser's representatives informed him to approach the stewards with a petition.

The Stewards explain that no recommendation from third parties replaces and cannot change the established requirements. No recommendation from third parties can legitimise the filing of a petition instead of a protest.

The review procedure is not a substitute for a protest.

The decision is based on the FIA 2024 International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1.

Competitors are reminded that, in accordance with Article 14.3 of the FIA 2024 International Sporting Code, this decision is not subject to appeal.



Arnas PALIUKENAS
FIA Chairperson of the Stewards



Omar ZAROUR
FIA Steward



Saleh ALEM
ASN Steward

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