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Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION N° 10**

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From: *The Stewards*

To: Competitor truck **No 631** Name: **TIBAU TEAM**

Crew: **Jordi Esteve Oro / Francisco Jose Pardo Benito / Raul Arteaga Rodriguez**

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course (Doc No 3.34), having heard the Team Representative (Mr. Rafa TIBAU), having considered the matter, determine the following:

Fact: During the Stage 7 crew of Truck No 631 was different from the original one declared during administrative checks.

Offence: Breach of Art. 12.2.1.c, Art. 12.2.1.h and Art. 12.2.1.l of the FIA 2024 ISC.

Decision: **To impose a fine penalty of 20000 (twenty thousand) EUR on Competitor TIBAU TEAM, 15000 (fifteen thousand) EUR of which is applied with suspension of sentence until the 31.12.2024 subject to no further breach of similar nature committed by the competitor during this period.**

In accordance with Article 12.8 FIA 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:

The representative of the competitor explained during the hearing that on the day before the start of Stage 7 he sent home to Europe the two crew members of Truck No. 631 because he believed that they were no longer allowed to start. When he found out in the morning that they could start, he decided he needed to let the crew start. But since the two crew members had already left to Europe, he decided to replace those two crew members with other members of his team, who also have sports licenses, but started in the Dakar 2024 competition as members of another crew.

During the hearing, he realized that he had acted inappropriately. However, in his words, in the morning, when he was awakened, he did not yet fully understand what was happening and performed such actions of his own without fully understanding the meaning and consequences of these actions. During the hearing, he regretted his action and assured that he would never repeat it.

In the opinion of the Stewards, such behavior of the competitor is intolerable and should be regarded as an extremely serious violation. Such behavior, when, at its discretion, competitor replaces the members of the crew during an already ongoing event (motorsport competition), creates an extremely serious danger not only to the safety of the illegal crew itself, but also to all other competitors, the safety of the entire event and the safety of third parties. It is clear and understandable that no insurance contract can cover the damage caused by this unlawful act.

When evaluating such behavior of a competitor, it is important to pay attention to what a huge reputational damage such actions cause. Reputational damage not only to the event, but also to the Organiser, the FIA, Promoter, the entire WRR Championship, discipline and motorsport in general.

It is clear that such behavior is incompatible with the objectives of the FIA.

Such behavior should be subject to a severe penalty.

The Stewards began an investigation, during which problems with the publication of the Start list for Stage 7 were revealed. This was due to a mistake made by the officials of the event. This, of course, cannot justify the infringement committed by the competitor and cannot mitigate the gravity of the infringement committed.

Because no mistakes made by official persons can be a reason for a competitor to behave illegally. However, in deciding on the penalty to be imposed, the Stewards consider that there are grounds for suspending part of the fine penalty to be imposed in the hope that the competitor will draw the appropriate conclusions and will not behave in this way in the future.

The Stewards finally conclude that there is a breach of the Art. 12.2.1.c, Art. 12.2.1.h and Art. 12.2.1.l of the FIA 2024 ISC.

The decision is based on the FIA 2024 International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, Art. 11.9.3.a, Art. 11.9.3.f, Art.12.4.1.c, Art. 12.4.6.

Competitors are reminded of their 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.

According to the Art. 12.3.3.b this decision of the Stewards becomes immediately binding even in the event of an appeal.



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FIA Chairperson of the Stewards



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Competitor: **TIBAU TEAM**

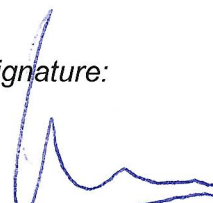
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