



**22. – 24. September 2023**

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Subject:	<b>Stewards Decision No 1</b>	Document No.:	<b>2.3</b>
From:	<b>The Stewards</b>		
To:	Competitor No <b>206 – MIGUEL BARBOSA</b> Crew: Miguel BARBOSA / Tomás NEVES		
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course, having examined the evidence, having summoned and heard the Crew members, having considered the following matter, determine the following:

**Fact:** During SS2, Competitor No 206 did not follow the official itinerary defined in the road book page 56 (between Box 279 and Box 280).

**Offence:** Breach of 2023 FIA Cross-Country Rally Sporting Regulations (CCSR) Art. 14.2.1.

**Decision:** To impose a time penalty of 2 minutes to be applied on SS2.

**Reason:** During the hearing, the Crew explained that they were not aware of this mistake, they accepted the document shown and they apologised for this unintentional action.

The 2023 FIA Cross-Country Rally Sporting Regulations are noticeably clear that the compulsory itinerary of the Baja is defined in the Road Book by the road direction diagrams and between the road direction diagrams, by the defined road/track if it exists.

Analyzing the evidence from the tracking system, it is obvious that the car involved did not follow the mandatory itinerary between boxes 279 and 280, making a shortcut of minimum 350 meters.

The Stewards believe the Crew's testimony that this infringement was a mistake. However, it is stated in the code that an infringement not done intentionally or by negligence still has to be penalized.

The Stewards concluded that this is a breach of the 2023 FIA Cross-Country Rally Sporting Regulations.

The decision is based on the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, art.11.9.2.a, Art. 11.9.3.a, Art. 11.9.3.f and Art 12.4.1.h.

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.

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FIA Steward

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