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From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car no 5 MIKKO HEIKKILÄ Crew: Mikko HEIKKILÄ / Kristian TEMONEN		
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course with evidence attached, summoned and heard the above crew as well as a competitor's representative, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Facts: The RSLite tracking system for reconnaissance of car No 5 did not send signals on 4.7.2024 after 13.05 hrs

Offence: Breach of FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations Art. 35.4.4
Breach of Supplementary Regulation Art. 9.3
Not following the "*RSLite User Manual for reconnaissance*"

Decision: Reprimand

Reason: According to the report and a verbal explanation of Mr. Michael Harmsen (SAS RallySafe Tracking System), the receipt of a tracking signal from Crew No. 5 stopped during the reconnaissance after 13.05. No data was received in the HQ after this disconnection.

The Stewards heard the crew and the team representative on 05.07.2024 at 13.30 hrs. Mr. Mikko Heikkilä explained that his tablet has been connected to the internet via a hotspot (mobile phone). The warning signals for speeds were being received and he had no doubt that the application was working well. The tablet is also fitted in such a way that he cannot see the display, but only hears the acoustic signals.

Mr. Harmsen explained, that when a mobile phone or a tablet is connected to the internet through a hotspot, the hotspot may disconnect in certain situations from the internet and thus the data from the RSLite application will not be sent to the server. The crew can recognise this when they see the message "*Waiting for server*" at the top right of the display. In this case, the crew must re-establish the connection to the Internet.

The RSLite Manual states: "*The application will update automatically to have the latest information in your device; therefore, it is important to have an active data connection.*" On the top of the RSLite application, the crew can see the status information. On the right side the status of data is also shown as [*All data sent*] or [*Waiting for server*].

Article 35.4.4 of the 2024 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations in conjunction with Article 9.3 of the Supplementary Regulations clearly stipulate that competitors must use the FIA tracking system during reconnaissance. Even if the application is not compromised, the system is useless if the data is not sent to the server. It is therefore the crew's responsibility to ensure an internet connection is maintained to ensure that the data is transferred.

A data connection was established during the hearing and therefore proof of a proper reconnaissance could be provided, the STW therefore refrained from imposing a more severe penalty.

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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This decision was notified by SPORTITY to the Competitor's officially nominated representative as below:

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