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From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car no 4 TRT RALLY TEAM Crew: Mads OSTBERG / Patrik BARTH		
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The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course with evidence attached, summoned and heard the competitor's representative, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Facts: On Friday, 5th of July 2024 after SSS1, on the road section to TC1A, the crew of car nr.4 did not follow the Road book on page 50 Box 29 (right turn). The car went straight ahead and after approx. 70 m turned right into Gildi street ignoring the "No entry" sign.

Offence: Breach of Regional Rally Sporting Regulations (RRSR) Art. 19.2
Breach of Regional Rally Sporting Regulations (RRSR) Art. 34.3.1

Decision: **Driver Mads Ostberg and Co-driver Patrik Barth shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a fine of 500 €.**

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 a fine remains unpaid.

Reason: A hearing was held on Saturday 06th July 2024 at 13.50 hrs with the Team Representative, Mr. Rafal Cebula. He admitted that the crew made a mistake in not following the correct route and that they used another road to approach the Parc Fermé. He did not know that this other road had a "no entry" sign.

According to the RRSR 2024 the crew must follow the road book and any deviation is a breach of the regulations. It does not matter whether the route was left intentionally or by mistake.

Failure to obey traffic signs is an offence against the national traffic laws and therefore also an offence against the RRSR. The crew's behaviour may lead to serious risks on a public road. Road safety is at the heart of the FIA and the public image of rallying is important to protect. The Stewards concluded that the driver of car no. 4 was in breach of Art. 34.3.1 of the 2024 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations, which explicitly mandates that crews must observe the national traffic laws and imposed the above fine under RRSR Art. 34.3.4 a).

As the deviation from the route did not take place on a Special Stage and the disregard of the traffic sign, in the present case, did not endanger other road users, the Stewards decided not to impose a time penalty but instead, a significant fine.

The decision is based on the 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.c.

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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<i>Position in the team</i>	TEAM MANAGER	Time	14.00 hrs

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