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Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION N°20**

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From: *The Stewards*

To: **BRP – BOMBARDIER RECREATIONAL PRODUCTS**
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The Stewards have received a report from the FIA Technical Delegate (Doc. No. 6.7). The Stewards, having received various documents, summoned, and heard the manufacturer's representative, Mr. Scott Abraham, have considered the matter, determine the following:

To BRP being considered participant in Rallye du Maroc 2023:

- (1) Art. 1.3 of the International Sporting Code (the Code) is clear in stating that any persons, or group of persons, organising a Competition or taking part therein:
 - Shall be deemed to be acquainted with the statutes and regulations of the FIA and the national regulations.
 - Shall undertake to submit themselves without reserve to the above and to the decisions of the sporting authority and to the consequences resulting, therefore.
- (2) Art. 1.1.2 of the FIA CCRSR determines that any manufacturers connected with competitive cars are considered to be rally participants in accordance with Article 1.3 of the Code, and as such must adhere to the obligations imposed on them and abide by the decisions of the sporting authority.
- (3) Several BRP cars entered Rallye du Maroc 2023.
- (4) The Stewards conclude that, according to the Code and the applicable regulations, BRP must be considered as participant of Rallye du Maroc 2023. Thus, BRP is under the jurisdiction of the Stewards.

Facts: Rear hub carriers of the 4 vehicles (No 401, No 403, No 409 and No 420) checked were not the ones assembled on the T4 reference vehicle in deposit at FIA technical facilities.

Offence: Breach of 2023 FIA ISC Appendix J, Art. 286A-10.4.

Decision:

- to impose a fine penalty of **5000 EUR** on the Manufacturer **BRP – BOMBARDIERRECREATIONAL PRODUCTS**
- **2500 EUR** of this fine applied with suspension of sentence, subject to the Manufacturer BRP not committing any further breach of a similar nature at any FIA W2RC events during the season 2024.

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In accordance with Article 12.8 of the 2023 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 the payment may entail Suspension during the period a fine remains unpaid.

Reason:

During technical checks performed at the end of Stage 3, the technical team checked the hubs and hub carriers of the following T4 vehicles: No 401, No 403, No 409 and No 420. The 4 selected vehicles were 4 BRP Can-Am Maverick XRS Turbo RR.

Prior to the event, the wheel hubs and the front and rear hub carriers delivered by the manufacturer of the T4 reference vehicle, BRP, to the FIA on a complete assembled vehicle, and in deposit at the FIA Technical Center, were dismantled, measured, and weighted. They were also scanned and photographed.

According to the information provided by the teams, the parts were actually the rear hub carriers introduced by the manufacturer for the first time on the MY2022 Can-am Maverick. This was easily confirmed from the BRP part catalogue accessible from Internet.

The 4 checked vehicles were clearly fitted with BRP standard parts.

Among the T4 vehicles based on a BRP Can-Am Maverick available to be checked at that time, that is to say 14 vehicles, it appears that 10 of them (71%) were fitted with this spec. of rear hub carriers.

After checking, the FIA Technical Delegate confirmed that no other specification of rear hub carriers was received and stored as deposit, in the FIA Technical Center, in Valleiry (France).

The Article 286A-2.1 of the Appendix J states the following:

"Reference" vehicle

Any manufacturer must deposit a "reference" vehicle with the FIA at least 30 days before scrutineering for the first race (..) in which the vehicle is to take part.

A dimensional technical dossier and any other document requested by the FIA must accompany this vehicle. The list of T4 "reference" Vehicles is published on www.fia.com.

"Reference" Vehicle evolution:

By normal must be understood modifications introduced to a model for good (the production of the model in its old form being abandoned definitively).

If an upgrade is made to a "reference" vehicle already registered with the FIA, it is possible to deposit only the new parts.

A dimensional technical dossier and any other document requested by the FIA must accompany this vehicle.

The new vehicle will then be added to the list of T4 "reference" vehicles.

The evolution may be used on previously registered "reference" vehicle only if the parts are interchangeable without modification.

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The FIA representative of BRP Can-Am at the FIA confirmed that he was not able to find any evidence of shipment of one of the two (right and left) MY 2022 rear knuckled references to the FIA, and could not explain why it was not sent as other evolution parts that were sent in 2022 and 2023.

The Manufacturer Representative explained that this could only have happened because, both during the pandemic and in the post-pandemic period, difficulties could have arisen for administrative/logistical reasons. It certainly wasn't done intentionally.

According to Art. 12.1.2 of the Code, offences or infringements are punishable, whether they were committed intentionally or through negligence.

The Stewards decide to impose a fine penalty. In suspending a part of the fine, Stewards want to encourage the BRP to make every possible effort not to violate the established rules in the future.

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

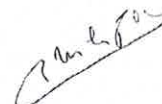
The Manufacturer is reminded that he has the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits. .



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