

**CROATIA RALLY 2023** 

20 - 23 April

Date:	22.04.2023	Time:	08:10 hrs
Subject:	STEWARDS DECISION No. 5	Document No:	2.6

The Stewards From:

To: The Competitor HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WORLD RALLY TEAM of car No. 11 Crew THIERRY NEUVILLE / MARTIJN WYDAEGHE

All Competitors / crew members

The Stewards, having received video evidence on an incident concerning car No. 11 on SS2, summoned the above crew members as well as a competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

- Facts Car No. 11 did not follow the defined roadway on SS2 Stojdraga-Hartje 1 when passing through the chicane at the position defined on Road Book 1, page 69 box 25.
- Offence Breach of Art. 19.2 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations

Decision No further action

Reason Present at the hearing held on 21 April 2023 at 20:10 hrs were the driver Mr. THIERRY NEUVILLE, the co-driver Mr. MARTIJN WYDAEGHE and the Team Manager Mr. Tolga Ozakinci, of Competitor HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WORLD RALLY TEAM.

> The driver Mr. THIERRY NEUVILLE explained that he had assumed the chicane on SS2 to be wider and that he had noticed the tight chicane entrance too late, thus blocking the brakes and running wide on the second retarder of the chicane. The car touched the hay bale and got some damages. The co-driver MARTIJN WYDAEGHE further added that it was not an intentional incident and that already during the recce there was some confusion with the correct position of the chicane. During the first passage of the recce the chicane was not marked onto the road. The Team Manager Mr. Tolga Ozakinci further explained that he had checked the data from cars No. 4 and No. 11 and had made a comparison chart, which showed a time loss of 2.46 seconds for car No. 11 in this chicane location due to the incident.

> The video evidence shows competitor No. 11 braking late to the chicane on SS2 Stojdraga-Hartje 1 at 24.01km (Road Book 1, page 69 box 24) and due to that, the crew had passed one hay bale from the wrong side. As the car hit the hay bale and slid off to the grass, competitor No. 11 did not gain any advantage in this incident. Furthermore, during this incident car No. 11 got some damages to the front right corner.

> The Stewards conclude that this was not an intentional incident and decide to take no further action.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.

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## RE: Stewards Decision No. 5 – CROATIA RALLY 2023

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

Name (in block letters):	TOLGA OZAKINCI	Date:	22.4.2023
Position within the team:	TEAM MANAGER	Time:	08:15

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