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To:	Organizer of FIA ERT Rali Ceredigion

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The Stewards, having received a verbal report with photos from the FIA Observer, summoned verbally and heard the CoC, Mr. Andy Gilmore and 'Vital Equipment' representative, Mr. Alister Roberts, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

To being considered the organizer of Rali Ceredigion contracting 'Vital Equipment' as participant as fuel supplier to FIA ERT Rally Ceredigion

(1) Art. 1.3 of the FIA International Sporting Code (the Code) is clear in stating that any person, 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 therefrom.

(2) Art. 1.1.1 of the FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulation (RRSR) determines that any suppliers 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.

Fact: On Saturday 2nd of September Vital Equipment personnel were refuelling competition cars while wearing overalls, but no gloves and balaclava.

The event organizer was advised of this breach.

On Sunday, 3rd of September, they still did not wear balaclavas in refuel zone, despite FIA Observer having requested them to comply with regulations.

Offence:

Violation according to Art. 12.2.1.h of the FIA International Sporting Code
Breach of Article 61.2.3 of the 2023 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations.

Decision: Fine of € 500

In accordance with Article 12.8 of the FIA International Sporting Code, fines shall be paid within 48 hours of their notification on the <https://fiafines.fia.com> website.

Reason:

The event organizer did not monitor the refuel zones to ensure the fuel provider was in compliance with regulations (under the Motorsport UK international permit 130261)

At the hearing, CoC Mr. Gilmore confirmed that 'Vital Equipment' are the contracted fuel supplier and recognized their responsibility for the suppliers.

Mr. Alister Roberts explained, that he has experience in refuelling since 1998 and was involved establishing RFZs in WRC. He stated that in British rallies he operates without gloves and balaclava; 'I see no reason for them and hate working in gloves'. He also stated, that on Day 2 the remote refuel personnel were wearing gloves and balaclava.

Considering that 'Vital Equipment' is a professional supplier providing services in the past on national events, currently on FIA ERT level, the supplier is expected to be aware of the relevant Sporting Regulations and follow them, however the event organizer is ultimately responsible for checking this.

Wearing the clothing that provides adequate protection against fire is a major safety item to protect the personnel in case of fire in Refuel Area. It is essential for the personnel's safety and safety is one of the major concerns by the FIA. Safety remains a key challenge and the FIA is committed to do everything possible to protect, among others, the supporting personnel.

The Stewards therefore concluded that the Organizer of Rali Cerdigion has allowed a breach of FIA International Sporting Code and the 2023 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations.

The Organiser is reminded of its 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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