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From: **The Stewards**
To: Competitor car no **137 Florent TODESCHINI**
Crew: **Florent TODESCHINI / Frédéric VAUCLARE**

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The Stewards, having received a report and photos from the FIA Eligibility Delegate, summoned and heard the competitors' representative, Mr. Arnaud Dunand and the crew (summons No 4.2), have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: During the checks in the technical zone before Service C, the car was found with a box looking like a unit of the power steering. The relevant parts were marked and after the finish podium the car was sent to final scrutineering. The findings during final scrutineering was that the Steering column is not the homologate steering column and the rear axel is fitted with a Watts Linkage which is not in the homologated.

Offence: **Non-compliance with homologation No. 650 (4), Group 4**
Non-compliance with Historic Technical Passport of the current car

Decision: **Disqualification of car # 137 from the competition**
and the following competitors will move up in the classification.

Reason: The competitor was summoned to give him the opportunity of presenting his defence. During the first hearing, Mr. Dunand, stated that in France this car runs with a power steering, here in an FIA Championship rally the power steering has been removed. Thus no improvement of the performance. He admitted that the steering column is not homologated as well as the Watts linkage. All changes are allowed in France and they forgot to change the parts for this rally. He apologized for the mistake.

According to the Appendix K, the car must conform to its original homologation, and car must conform to its HTP. The Stewards therefore concluded that the competitor was in breach Appendix K.


In case of a breach of the obligation of technical compliance, a competitor's responsibility is causal. A sanction must be pronounced against it even in the absence of fault, and this sanction is, in principle, disqualification according to the jurisprudence in the past.

Nevertheless, the International Court of Appeal has already deemed in the past that in "exceptional circumstances", the objective responsibility of a competitor for a case of non-compliance of its car can lead to a less severe sanction than disqualification.

The Stewards determine that exceptional circumstances do not apply in the present case. The Stewards conclude that, in view of the provisions of the relevant regulations, it was indeed up to the Competitor to ensure that the car is according to the homologation and the HTP.

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, Art 12.4.1.m and 12.9.1

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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I know my rights for appeal but I decline it

