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Subject:	**STEWARDS DECISION 1**	Document No:	**2.2**

From: *The Stewards*

To: *Competitor **No 201** Name: **OVERDRIVE RACING***

*Crew: **YAZEED ALRAJHI / TIMO GOTTSCHALK***

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The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Technical Delegate (Doc No 6.2), and after hearing the representative from Overdrive Racing Mr. Uwe SCHMIDT, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: Marking found on the bladder of the fuel tank of Car No 201 was damaged.

Offence: Breach of Appendix J of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code Art. 283, Art. 283-14-1 and Art. 285-1.

Decision: **To impose a fine penalty of 10000 EUR on the Competitor Overdrive Racing,** which is suspended until the end of the 2026 W2RC season, subject to no other similar breach during this period.

Reason: The Overdrive representative explained that they don't know the reason why the marking of the bladder was damaged.

According to the article 285-1 of the Appendix J of the 2026 International Sporting Code, *"only fuel tanks conforming to the FT3-1999, FT3.5-1999 or FT5-1999 standards are permitted".*

Article 283-14.1 of the Appendix J of the 2026 International Sporting Code also describes the mandatory marking for the FIA approved safety fuel tanks:

Marking and validity of tanks
Each tank must have a marking with the following information:
- *Name of the FIA standard*
- *FIA homologation number*
- *Name of the manufacturer*
- *Serial number*
- *Date of end of validity*

In addition to the App. J Art. 283, the FT3 standards for safety fuel bladders states that "*the markings shall be designed to remain legible for the expected use and lifespan of the fuel bladder. The label shall be made out of destruct-on-removal material".*

Art. 1.3 of the 2026 FIA International Sporting 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.

FIA Technical Delegate confirmed that he did not detect any damage to the fuel tank, and that the bladder itself does not seem to be damaged. Furthermore, according to the information written in the FIA Technical Passport – validated during Dakar 2026 pre-event scrutineering, the fuel tank S/N 37928 is valid for several years (up to October 2030).

The Stewards believe that there is sufficient reason to trust the explanations given by the Competitor and the FIA Technical Delegate. Therefore, decides that the car no 201 is allowed to participate in the FIA event BP Ultimate Rally Raid Portugal 2026.

The Stewards decide that in any case it is the responsibility of the Competitor to ensure that the car meets all technical and safety requirements, including mandatory marking of the fuel tanks.

The Stewards finally conclude that there is a breach of the regulations and that a fine is sufficient for the reasons set out here.

The Stewards decision to suspend the fine is due to the fact that the Competitor is not directly to blame for the damage of the marking and it was confirmed by the FIA Technical Delegate that this kind of defect is due to a manufacturing defect.

The Stewards decision was made based on 2026 FIA ISC Art. 11.7.1.a, Art. 11.7.3.a, Art. 12.3.1, Art. 12.4.1.c. and Art. 12.4.6.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 5 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.

Jordi PARRO Chair of the Panel of Stewards	**Omar ZAROUR** FIA Steward	**Paulo LAGINHA** ASN Steward

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

Name (in block letters):	**UWE SCHMIDT**	*Date:*	**17.03.2026**
Position within the team:	**COMPETITOR REPRESENTATIVE**	*Time:*	**19:25**

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