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Subject:	STEWARDS DECISION No. 2	**Document No:**	2.3

From: The Stewards

To: The Competitor M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM of car No. 24
Crew ROMET JÜRGENSON / SIIM OJA

All Competitors / Crew Members

The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course, summoned the above competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts Car No. 24 did not start the Shakedown at the published time according to the Start List.

Offence Breach of Article 36.2.2 of the 2026 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, as well as Article 12.2 of the Supplementary Regulations, requiring all drivers nominated by the FIA to complete their first passage of the Shakedown in accordance with the published Start List.

Decision No penalty applied.

Reason The Stewards heard from the Team Manager of Car No. 24, Ms. Samantha Gray, during a hearing held at 17:40 hrs on 21st January 2026.

Ms. Gray explained that prior to the Shakedown, an oil pressure issue was discovered. The Competitor informed the FIA Sporting Delegate at 11:59 hrs that an engine change would be required, and that the car would likely be unable to start the Shakedown according to the published Start List.

The engine replacement was indeed not completed in time, and as a result, Car No. 24 was unable to start the Shakedown as scheduled.

Once the engine replacement had been finalised, the driver conducted a verification run on the roads around the Service Park to ensure the repairs were effective. During this test, further issues were observed as the engine intermittently cut out and lost power.
After additional work by the mechanics, the car was able to complete a passage on the Shakedown stage shortly before the end of the allocated session.

The Stewards are satisfied that the Competitor made every reasonable effort to comply with the Shakedown requirements. While the car did not start at the scheduled time, the mandatory passage on the Shakedown stage was completed, and the failure to comply with the Start List was due to genuine technical issues beyond the reasonable control of the Competitor.

Accordingly, although an infringement of Article 36.2.2 of the 2026 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations occurred, the Stewards decide to apply no penalty given the circumstances.

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 2026 FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.

Mathieu Remmerie
The Stewards

Andrew Kellitt

Jean-François Calmes

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

Name (in block letters):	**SAMANTHA GRAY**	*Date:*	**21.01.2026**
Position within the team:	**TEAM MANAGER**	*Time:*	**19:05**

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