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From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor FUMIO NUTAHARA of car No. 31
Crew FUMIO NUTAHARA / SHUNGO AZUMA

All Competitors / crew members

The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Deputy Technical Delegate, summoned the competitor's representative of Car No. 31, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

- Facts** The Competitor FUMIO NUTAHARA of Car No. 31 used twenty-nine (29) tyres, whereas the maximum number of tyres allowed for the rally (including Shakedown) is twenty-six (26) for Rally2 cars.
- Offence** Breach of Article 13.1.5 of the 2025 FIA World Rally Championship Sporting Regulations in conjunction with Article 7.2 of the Supplementary Regulations of FORUM8 Rally Japan 2025.
- Decision** To impose a **6-minute time penalty** on the Competitor of Car No. 31 FUMIO NUTAHARA, to be applied at TC20A.
- Reason** After studying the chart provided by the FIA Deputy Technical Delegate and having analysed the given data, a hearing was held on Sunday, 9th November 2025 at 18:10 hrs with the Team Representative Mr. Junichi YAMADA of the Competitor of Car No. 31.

The Stewards presented them with a report from the FIA Deputy Technical Delegate, confirming that Car No. 31 used a total of 29 tyres during the event, specifically 12 tyres of the first choice compound, 9 tyres of the second choice compound and 8 tyres of the third choice compound. This exceeded the permitted maximum for Rally2 cars, which is defined in Supplementary Regulations of the event as 26 tyres of the first choice compound, 20 tyres of the second choice compound and 12 tyres of the third choice compound, without exceeding the overall maximum of 26 tyres.

During the hearing, the Team Representative Mr. Junichi YAMADA explained that they had interpreted the regulations differently and believed that the tyres used in the Shakedown did not count towards the maximum number of tyres permitted for use during the rally.

They used nine different tyres during the Shakedown, and some of these tyres were also used during the rally in addition to the 24 tyres originally planned for the main event.

The Stewards accept that this was an unintentional error. Nonetheless, exceeding the maximum permitted number of tyres constitutes a breach of Article 13.1.5 of the 2025 FIA World Rally Championship Sporting Regulations. In line with established precedents, the Stewards deem it appropriate to impose a 2-minute time penalty per tyre used in excess of the limit, which results in a 6-minute time penalty for this infringement.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2025 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



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The Stewards



Chris McMahon



Kunihiro Tabata

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	JUNICHI YAMADA	<i>Date:</i>	9.11.2025
<i>Position within the team:</i>	TEAM REPRESENTATIVE	<i>Time:</i>	18:38

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