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From: The Stewards

To: The Competitor ERIC ROYÈRE of car No. 38
Crew ERIC ROYÈRE / ALEXIS GRENIER

All Competitors / crew members

The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course with documentary evidence attached, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts The crew of Car No. 38 did not follow the official itinerary between Road Book boxes 9 and 10 on page 83 during SS14 – TOYOTA CITY SSS

Offence Breach of Article 19.2 of the 2025 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations

Decision 1-minute time penalty on Competitor ERIC ROYERE of car No. 38 to be applied to the special stage time for SS14 – Toyota City SSS

Reason The Stewards examined the information received from the Clerk of the Course, the GPS data available and heard from the driver Mr. Eric ROYÈRE of Car No. 38 at 19:20 hrs on Saturday 8th November.

The driver, Mr Eric ROYÈRE, stated that he and his co-driver apparently had incorrect pace-notes, turned right too early, and consequently missed a left loop they were required to take. The driver apologised for the mistake.

The data available to the Stewards clearly shows that car No. 38 passed Road Book page 83, position 9 on SS14 – TOYOTA CITY SSS, and after approximately 40 metres turned to the right on Road Book page 83 position 10, although the correct route required continuing for 340 metres before turning right. As a result, the crew shortened the stage by approximately 300 metres.

The Stewards conclude that there was a clear breach of Article 19.2 of the 2025 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, and that a clear time advantage was gained as a result of this mistake. The Stewards find the above penalty to be appropriate in this case. As the severity of shortening a Special Stage may vary on a case-by-case basis, this decision shall not be considered as a precedent for future cases under these circumstances.

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.



Silver Kütt
The Stewards



Chris McMahon



Kunihiro Tabata

RE: Stewards Decision No. 6 FORUM8 RALLY JAPAN 2025

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	VICTOIRE CHAZEL	<i>Date:</i>	9.11.2025
<i>Position within the team:</i>	TEAM MANAGER	<i>Time:</i>	9:00

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