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**From:** The Stewards  
**To:** The Competitor TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT of car No. 17  
Crew SÉBASTIEN OGIER / VINCENT LANDAIS

All Competitors / crew members

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The Stewards, having become aware of an incident, summoned the above crew members as well as the competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**Facts** The driver of Car No. 17 unfastened his seat belts, removed his gloves and opened the chin strap of his helmet between the Flying Finish and Stop control of SS 13 San Giacomo – Plebi 1.

**Offence** Breach of Chapter III, Art. 1 of the Appendix L to the 2025 FIA International Sporting Code and Article 53.1 of the 2025 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.

**Decision** Fine of **€ 1500** on the driver of car No. 17 SÉBASTIEN OGIER.

In accordance with Art. 12.8 of the 2025 FIA International Sporting Code, fines shall be paid within 48 hours of their notification. Any delay in making payment may entail Suspension during the period a fine remains unpaid.

**Reason** The Stewards examined video evidence, which clearly showed that the driver of Car No. 17, after having passed the flying finish of SS 13 and before reaching the Stop control of the special stage, first loosened his seatbelts then, after approx. 5 seconds, unfastened them completely. He then took off his gloves and opened the chin strap of his helmet before wearing the gloves again.

The Stewards summoned and heard from the driver, Mr. SÉBASTIEN OGIER, co-driver VINCENT LANDAIS and Sporting Director Mr. KAJ LINDSTRÖM of car No. 17 on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 15:50 hrs.

The driver admitted having done the above, but explained that he did not do it intentionally. It was out of a reflex, after having reached the finish and while slowing down on the way to the Stop control. He added that he is well aware of the rules on safety equipment and apologised for his lapse.

As stipulated in Art. 53.1 of the 2025 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, all protective equipment is to be worn correctly on a special stage whenever a car is in motion until the Stop control.

It is further to be noted that the Clerk of the Course had issued Communication No. 1 on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025, reminding all drivers of this regulation.

After due deliberation and being in line with precedents of a similar nature involving incidents concerning the correct wearing of the safety equipment after having passed the flying finish, the Stewards concurred that the above fine is appropriate in this case.

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.



Tanja Geilhausen  
The Stewards



Kai Tarkiainen



Claudio Gasparrini

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	<b>KAJ LINDSTRÖM</b>	<i>Date:</i>	<b>8.6.2025</b>
<i>Position within the team:</i>	<b>SPORTING DIRECTOR</b>	<i>Time:</i>	<b>17:05</b>

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