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From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car no: 32 Max McRae Crew: Max MCRAE / Macartan KIERANS		

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The Stewards, having received a report and a photo from the Technical Delegate, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: During routine checks at the Stop Control zone at the end of SS 9, the car was found with the control unit of the extinguisher system not in operating position.

Offence: Beach of Article 253-7.2 of Appendix J to the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code

Decision: **Fine 1.000 €**

In accordance with Article 12.7 FIA International Sporting Code, the payment of the fines must be done online, within 48 hours of their notification, at the following address: <https://fiafines.fia.com>. Any delay in making payment may entail suspension during the period the fine remains unpaid.

Reason: The competitor was informed accordingly by the Stewards (Summon No. 01) and was given the possibility, if they wished, to bring forward any representations other than having forgotten to activate the extinguisher system. Mr. Sérgio Couto, the representative, explains that he always activates the system and always tells the drivers that the system must be activated at all times. He does not know why the system was switched off in this case.

As stipulated in Article 253-7.2.4 of Appendix J to the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code, the system must work in all positions. Article 253-7.2 of Appendix J to the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code does not specify when the system can be switched on or switched off. For this reason, it must always be active during the rally. Doubtless it must be armed on Special Stages. The fire extinguisher system is a major safety item to protect the crew in case of fire in the car. It is essential for the driver's safety and safety is one of the major concerns by the FIA. Safety remains a key challenge and the FIA is committed to do everything possible to protect, among others, the drivers.

It is further to be noted that the CoC issued Communication No. 3 on Thursday 06 July 2023 reminding all competitors about the activation of the extinguisher system. Competitors must always ensure that the system is activated before leaving the service park. Also, at the start of each Special Stage, the crew is reminded with a sign to activate the fire extinguishing system.

The Stewards therefore concluded that this was a breach of Article 253-7.2 of Appendix J to the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code.

The decision is based on the FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, art.11.9.2.a, Art. 11.9.3.a, Art. 11.9.3.f and Art 12.4.1.c.

Competitors are reminded of their right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.



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

<i>Name in block letters</i>	Sérgio Couto	Date	08.07.2023
<i>Position in the team</i>	Representative	Time	11.05 hrs

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