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Subject:	<b>DECISION No. 10</b>	Document No.:	<b>2.12</b>
From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car No: <b>38 / VITOR RIBEIRO</b> Crew: <b>VITOR RIBEIRO / DANIEL PEREIRA</b>		
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The Stewards, having received a report N° 1 from the CoC (document n° 3.2), having examined attached report from the GPS provider, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

**Date / Time:** 22-04-2023 / 15:18 and 16:10 hr

**Fact:** The crew of car # 38 drove in SS 1, for two times, in opposite direction during the reconnaissance.

**Offence:** Breach of 2023 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations (RRSR) Art.º 35.4.3. and Art.º 9.2 of the Supplementary Regulations.

**Decision:** **Fine of 100,00€.**

In accordance with Article 12.8 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 a fine remains unpaid.

**Reason:** According to the 2023 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations during reconnaissance the crews are only permitted to enter and leave SS through the start and finish controls. That means they can not drive in opposite direction of a SS. Also, the Supplementary Regulations state very clearly that in no circumstances the crews may drive during reconnaissance in the opposite direction of the special stage. Obviously, the competitor was not following these regulations.

During the hearing crew declared they were giving a way for a truck and that was a reason to go backwards. But Stewards investigated this part of the Special Stage and find out that the crew was driving in the opposite direction unnecessarily to far and the mentioned part of SS was very narrow and quite dangerous for such manoeuvre.

The Stewards conclude that this behaviour has not given any sporting advantage to the competitor. Although this action may be considered as a safety issue, the Stewards did not penalize this infringement as they normally would have done it. They were considering that during reconnaissance, the Special Stage is partially public roads, open to two – way traffic.

They concluded that a fine is necessary but for one offence also adequate.

Competitors are reminded of their right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code and Article 9.1.1 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 representative as below:

<i>Name in block letters</i>	<b>VITOR RIBEIRO</b>	Date	<b>29.04.2023</b>
<i>Position in the team</i>	<b>Driver</b>	Time	<b>10:53hrs</b>

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