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Subject:	STEWARDS DECISION No. 5	Document No:	2.6

From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM of car No. 13
Crew GRÉGOIRE MUNSTER / LOUIS LOUKA

All Competitors / crew members

The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course, summoned the above crew members, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts The Crew of Car No. 13 failed to acknowledge and respond to instructions sent via the FIA Safety Tracking device while competing in SS12 and impeded the progress of Car No. 69.

Offence Breach of Article 12.2.1.I of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code

Decision Driver GRÉGOIRE MUNSTER and Co-driver LOUIS LOUKA shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a **fine of € 500**.

In accordance with Art. 12.8 of the 2023 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, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course, summoned and heard from the Crew GRÉGOIRE MUNSTER / LOUIS LOUKA of Car No. 13 on Saturday 30th September 2023 at 20.05 hrs. The Driver GRÉGOIRE MUNSTER explained that they had completed changing two tyres after suffering punctures in SS12 and were continuing to compete in the stage at a slower than usual pace. He advised that the Crew was aware that Car No. 18 had passed them while they were stationary but that they thought they were closer on the road to Car No. 18 than the next following car. He also advised that he was checking his mirrors for another car following but it was difficult to see because of the dust.

At approximately one kilometre from the end of the stage, the Co-driver LOUIS LOUKA noticed the message on the FIA Safety Tracking device. The Crew decided that, since they only had approximately 10 corners before the finish of the stage, they would continue to complete the stage.

The data presented by the Clerk of the Course from the FIA Safety Tracking System provider stated that two messages were sent to the Crew, firstly in English at 17:27.54 which was not acknowledged, and secondly in French at 17:29.20 which was acknowledged at 17:38.41.

The Stewards considered that the Crew had an obligation to monitor the FIA Safety Tracking device during a stage, and especially so since they knew that they were travelling at a slower than usual pace. The Stewards considered that the Crew was negligent in not monitoring the device and chose to ignore the instructions given in the messages until they ended the stage. The Stewards considered that by not responding to the instructions they had impeded the progress of Car No. 69 approaching from behind.

The Stewards concluded that the Crew of Car No. 13 has breached Article 12.2.1.1 of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code through acting in a manner deemed to be unsporting to another competitor.

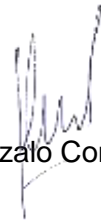
Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Silver Kütt
The Stewards



Wayne Christie



Gonzalo Concha

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	CÉLINE GUÈS	<i>Date:</i>	30.9.2023
<i>Position within the team:</i>	SPORTING COORDINATOR	<i>Time:</i>	22:04

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