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From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WORLD RALLY TEAM of car No. 42
Crew CRAIG BREEN / JAMES FULTON

The Stewards, having received a comprehensive report from the FIA Deputy Technical Delegate, summoned the competitor's representative as well as the crew, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts Car No. 42 was not being driven on full electric mode inside the HEV Zone as defined in the Road Book 1 – page 16 - box 1 and 2 (from TC1B to TC2)

Offence Breach of Articles:
- 34.1.7 in conjunction with Art. 19.2 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations
- 12.12 of the Supplementary Regulations and Bulletin 2

Decision Reprimand on the Competitor HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WORLD RALLY TEAM and the crew CRAIG BREEN / JAMES FULTON

Reason The Stewards heard from the Team Representatives of HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WORLD RALLY TEAM, Mr. Tolga Ozakinci and Mr. Pablo Marcos, along with the Crew members, Mr. Craig Breen and Mr. James Fulton.


During the hearing, the Driver of Car 42 (CRAIG BREEN) stated that the crew were facing issues with the internal combustion engine (ICE), which was not starting. In the panic of the situation, the crew decided to leave the parc fermé using the electric vehicle (EV) mode as they were running out of time. The crew proceeded for approx. 300m on EV mode up until the control point TC1B. During this time, they were in contact with their mechanics and team engineers to find means to start the ICE. It is to be noted that the route travelled (from parc fermé to TC1B) is not marked as an HEV (Hybrid Electric Vehicle) zone in the Road Book.

Once the crew reached TC1B, they managed to turn on ICE mode while they were waiting to check-in. They were concerned that they wouldn't be able to engage ICE mode again and wanted to ensure that the car was running as it should. As soon as they were convinced of this (after travelling approximately 30m in the HEV-marked zone), they immediately turned off ICE mode and continued driving the HEV zone in EV mode.

The scenario described by the crew was corroborated and confirmed by the data shared with the Stewards by the FIA Technical Delegates.

The Stewards find that car 42 breached Article 34.1.7 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, which mandates that Rally1 Hybrid Cars must run in electric (EV) mode where the route is identified as HEV Zone in the Road Book. However, after studying the case extensively and based on the information shared by the team representatives and crew, as well as on the data and feedback received from the FIA Technical Delegates, the case presents a mitigating circumstance and does not share the same attributes as previous precedents where cars were driven fully on ICE mode in HEV zones. As such, the Stewards decide to impose a penalty of a Reprimand on the Competitor HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WORLD RALLY TEAM and the crew CRAIG BREEN / JAMES FULTON.

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.



Mazen Al-Hilli
The Stewards



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Christina Lundqvist Viklund

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

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