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**Subject:** STEWARDS DECISION No. 3 **Document No:** 2.4

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**From:** The Stewards  
**To:** The Competitor CHRISTOPHER INGRAM of Car No. 26  
Crew CHRISTOPHER INGRAM / HANNAH MCKILLOP  
  
All Competitors / Crew members

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The Stewards, having received a report with photo and video evidence attached from the FIA Deputy Technical Delegate, summoned the above crew members as well as a competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**Facts** The driver of Car No. 26 removed his gloves after the finish line and before the stop control of SS5 (La Bréole/Selonnet 1).

**Offence** Breach of Appendix L, Chapter III, Art. 2 of the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code and Art. 53.1 of the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.

**Decision** **Fine of € 250 on Driver CHRISTOPHER INGRAM of Car No. 26**

In accordance with Art. 12.8 of the 2024 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 heard from the Driver CHRISTOPHER INGRAM and Co-Driver HANNAH MCKILLOP of Car No. 26 on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024, at 21:30 hrs in the presence of the team representative Mr. ALOISIO MONTEIRO and carefully studied photo and video evidence.

The driver stated that he was distracted as they had issues with the car during the day. He unconsciously removed the gloves right after the stage's finish, and then as soon as he realised that he had not crossed the stop control, he put his gloves back on again, whilst driving.

Article 53.1 of the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations clearly states that, whenever a car is in motion on a special stage and until the stop control, the crew must wear all required safety clothing and equipment in compliance with Appendix L Chapter III - Drivers' Equipment as intended by the equipment manufacturer.

It is further to be noted that the Crew attended the compulsory Drivers Safety Briefing on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024, where all drivers were explicitly reminded that they must wear their safety equipment properly on Special Stages all the way until the stop control.

This case represents a clear breach of the above-mentioned regulations. Removal of the gloves (before the stop control) because the driver was distracted cannot be claimed as a mitigating circumstance, especially as he committed the same offence previously on SS4.

The decision is based on 2024 FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, Art.11.9.2.a, Art. 11.9.3.a, Art. 11.9.3.f, Art. 11.9.3.x and Art 12.4.1.c.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Mazen Al-Hilli  
The Stewards



Tanja Geilhausen



Jean-François Calmes

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	<b>ALOISIO MONTEIRO</b>	<i>Date:</i>	<b>27.1.2024</b>
<i>Position within the team:</i>	<b>TEAM REPRESENTATIVE</b>	<i>Time:</i>	<b>11:05</b>

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