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**Date:** 28.01.2024 **Time:** 06:45 hrs  
**Subject:** STEWARDS DECISION No. 4 **Document No:** 2.5

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**From:** The Stewards  
**To:** The Competitor PEPE LÓPEZ of car No. 25  
Crew PEPE LÓPEZ / DAVID VÁZQUEZ  
All Competitors / Crew members

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course, summoned the above Crew members as well as the Competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**Facts** Car No. 25 crossed the solid white centreline at 19:10 hrs on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 on the road section (national road D944) leading to SS8 (La Breole/Selonnet 2).

**Offence** Breach of Art. 34.3.1 of the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.

**Decision** **Fine of € 250 on the Driver PEPE LÓPEZ**

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 PEPE LÓPEZ and Co-Driver DAVID VÁZQUEZ of Car No. 25 at 19:35 hrs on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024, in the presence of the team representative Mr. ORIOL SANTACREU.

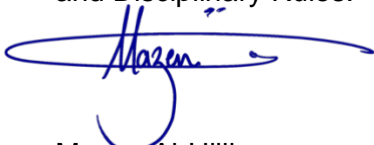
The Driver stated that after the completion of SS8, local Traffic Police pulled him over and informed him that he had committed a traffic infringement on the road section before the start of SS8. The Driver faced some language barriers in understanding the exact allegations presented but managed to conclude that they were related to crossing of the white centreline line demarcating the traffic lanes.

The Stewards explained/translated the offence that was logged in the Crew's traffic Infringement Book as "*overtaking on the solid white line.*" As per local traffic laws, overtaking over a solid white line is not allowed.

The Driver agreed that he may have accidentally/unintentionally did so while he was given right of way by a civilian car ahead. He apologised for his lapse.

Obeying traffic rules is a foundation of rallying rules and regulations. The Stewards find that the Driver of Car No. 25 was in breach of Art. 34.3.1 of the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, which explicitly mandates that crews must observe the national traffic laws and imposed the above fine as stipulated in the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulation Art. 34.3.4 a).


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

**Re: Stewards Decision No. 4 – 92<sup>e</sup> Rallye Automobile Monte Carlo**

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	<b>ORIOLE SANTACREU</b>	<i>Date:</i>	<b>28.1.2024</b>
<i>Position within the team:</i>	<b>TEAM REPRESENTATIVE</b>	<i>Time:</i>	<b>07:00</b>

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