

## 92e RALLYE AUTOMOBILE MONTE-CARLO

25 - 28 January 2024

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 Subject:
 STEWARDS DECISION No. 2
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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

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 SS4 (Champcella/Saint-Clément 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.

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.



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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:

Name (in block letters):	ALOISIO MONTEIRO	Date:	27.1.2024
Position within the team:	TEAM REPRESENTATIVE	Time:	11:00

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