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**Date:** 18.02.2024 **Time:** 19:00 hrs  
**Subject:** STEWARDS DECISION No. 15 - **ERRATUM** **Document No:** 2.17

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**From:** The Stewards  
**To:** P1 Performance Fuels GmbH – as a *participant* at 92<sup>e</sup> Rallye Automobile Monte Carlo (supplier of P1ECO50 RON98 for non-priority drivers, appointed by Automobile club de Monaco).

The Competitor ARMAND FUMAL of car No. 60 at 92<sup>e</sup> Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo  
Crew ARMAND FUMAL / JULES ESCARTEFIGUE

All Competitors / crew members entered in 92<sup>e</sup> Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo

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The Stewards,

- having received the delegation of authority from the Stewards of 92<sup>e</sup> Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo with the related delegation of authority from the ASN Automobile Club de Monaco (ASN Steward Mr. Jean-Francois Calmes) to the ASN Svenska Bilsportforbundet (ASN Steward Mr. Bertil Klarin)
- having examined the comprehensive reports related to this case
- having summoned Mr. Marwan Elghadi representing P1 Performance Fuels GmbH and the representative of Competitor No. 60 at 92<sup>e</sup> Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo, Mr. Louis Chazel
- have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**Facts** On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024, approximately 4 km after RZ4 (Refuel – Chorges), Car No. 60 abruptly stopped.  
Following extensive troubleshooting by the team's engineers, a large amount of an unidentified liquid was found in the fuel tank of the car.

**Offence** Breach of Art. 8 of the Supplementary Regulations of 92<sup>e</sup> Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo

**Decision**

- (1) A **reprimand** on P1 Performance Fuels GmbH supplier as a ***participant*** at 92<sup>e</sup> Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo.
- (2) The time penalties for SS5 / SS6 / SS7 / SS8 of 92<sup>e</sup> Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo allocated to car No. 60 under Art. 54.2 of the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations are lifted.
- (3) The following times are assigned to car No. 60 for the following Special Stages of 92<sup>e</sup> Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo:  
**SS5:** the time of **13:18.6**  
**SS6:** the time of **11:42.4**  
**SS7:** the time of **13:13.7**  
**SS8:** the time of **14:15.3**
- (4) The Final Classification of 92<sup>e</sup> Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo as well as the attribution of points for the 2024 FIA WRC Masters Cup for the event to be corrected accordingly.

**Reason**

1. During 92<sup>e</sup> Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo, on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024, car No. 60 was refuelled 20 litres of fuel at RZ4 (Refuel – Chorges). Car No. 60 left the RZ4 with approximately 60 litres in its tank.

2. Approximately 4 km from RZ4, the car abruptly stopped.
3. Following the extensive troubleshooting by the team's engineers, an unknown liquid was found in the fuel mixture in the fuel tank of car No. 60.
4. On Saturday 27th January 2024 the Stewards appointed at 92<sup>e</sup> Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo, started the investigation:
  - 4.1 Dispensation of fuel for Car No. 60 occurred in a normal way with no noticeable issues. Car No. 60 received 20.3 litres of P1ECO50 RON98.
  - 4.2 During the lifecycle of usage of fuel from Drum #2, the operator noted an unusual substance in the fuel. This was viewed from a clear hose/window located on the pump. The operator stopped dispensing fuel and checked Drum #2 to confirm if there was any unusual substance in the fuel which was duly confirmed. Drum #2 was therefore disconnected and replaced with Drum #3.
  - 4.3 The Stewards requested from the P1 Performance Fuels GmbH Representative a detailed report regarding quality assurance (from the production facility) on the contents of the drum and the available certification regarding the state of the fuel and drum when it had left the facility.
  - 4.4 Three fuel samples were taken from the fuel tank of car No. 60 by the FIA Technical Delegate for further analysis.
5. On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024 the Stewards confirmed to the competitor No.60 that they had started an investigation on the incident.
6. On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 19:35hrs Decision No. 6 was issued by the Stewards of 92<sup>e</sup> Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo, delegating their Authority to the Stewards of the following WRC event (Rally Sweden 2024) as per Art. 11.9.3.w of the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code as some results in relation to the investigation were still pending.
7. On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024, the ASN Svenska Bilspportforbundet received the delegation of Authority from the ASN Automobile Club Monaco for the ASN Steward Mr. Bertil Klarin.
8. On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February the Stewards of Rally Sweden 2024 continued the investigation summoning Mr. Marwan Elghadi and Mr. Louis Chazel. A clarification regarding the nomination of the Competitor's Representative was asked by the Chairperson of the Stewards appointed at Rally Sweden 2024 to Mr. Fumal, who confirmed Mr. Louis Chazel as his Representative.
9. The following hearings were conducted by Stewards:
  - On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 13.30hrs with Mr. Marwan Elghadi and the FIA Rally Category Manager, Ms. Marina Duñach (via Zoom)
  - On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 14.00 hrs with Mr. Louis Chazel and the FIA Rally Category Manager, Ms. Marina Duñach (both via Zoom)
  - On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 13.00 with Mr. Marwan Elghadi, Mr. Louis Chazel and the FIA Rally Category Manager, Ms. Marina Duñach (all three via Zoom).

Hearings:

- 9.1 Mr.Elghadi stated that the incident is still under investigation from their side. A detailed report on the production process and on each subsequent process will be submitted to the FIA together with analysis and countermeasures.
- 9.2 He confirmed that the refuelling operators had found a strange substance in the fuel during the refuelling operation involving drum #2.
- 9.3 Mr Chazel stated that the driver Mr. Fumal lost positions in the classification as it was not possible for him to run Special Stages 5, 6, 7 and 8, and also due to the re-start penalties imposed under Art. 54.2 of the 2024 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations at the end of Section 3 on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024.
- 9.4 Therefore, Mr. Fumal lost points in the FIA WRC Masters Cup for Drivers for the event 92<sup>e</sup> Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo.
- 9.5 Mr. Chazel informed that an internal discussion with the fuel supplier regarding costs covering is in progress. This was also confirmed by Mr. Marwan.

After due deliberation the Stewards concluded that:

10. On drum #2 some irregular and suspicious substance was detected by the pump operator during the refuelling procedure of car 60 (non-priority drivers fuel) at RZ4 on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024.
11. Car No. 60 suffered a problem immediately after refuelling at RZ4.  
With a view to sporting fairness in competitions and with reference to Art. 1.1.5 of the 2024 WRC Sporting Regulations, the Stewards exercise their authority under Articles 11.9.2.a, 11.9.2.w and 11.9.3.j of the 2024 FIA International Sporting Code.
12. Considering that car No. 60 was not able to complete SS5 / SS6 / SS7 / SS8, the Stewards decided to assign times for Competitor No. 60 on the above-mentioned special stages and remove all re-start penalties applied by the Clerk of the Course to him at the end of Section 3 of 92<sup>e</sup> Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January.
13. The calculation of time was done analysing all times of RGT cars on each special stage of 92<sup>e</sup> Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo.
14. P1 Performance Fuels GmbH, having been nominated as the official sole supplier of fuel for all RGT and non-priority drivers at 92<sup>e</sup> Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo as per Supplementary Regulations Article 8, are thus considered a Rally *participant* in 92<sup>e</sup> Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo in accordance with the FIA World Rally Championship Sporting Regulations 2024, Article 1.1.1, and in accordance with the FIA International Sporting Code, Article 1.3.
15. P1 Performance Fuels GmbH had the responsibility for the refuelling operations during the 92<sup>e</sup> Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo and the content of the P1ECO50 RON98 fuel used by non-priority drivers.
16. The incident involving car no. 60 and described above created a sporting issue during the 92<sup>e</sup> Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo.

17. The Stewards noted that P1 Performance Fuels GmbH showed their sportsmanship and taking of responsibility for the harm suffered by the competitor of car No. 60 and that both parties agreed in an amicable agreement.
18. Under the above described circumstances and considerations, the Stewards decided to impose the penalty of the reprimand to the non-priority drivers fuel supplier.

All interested parties 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.

In accordance with Chapter 4, art 10.1.1a - d) of the 2024 FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, the time limit for the notification of the intention to appeal is extended to 24hrs after the publication of this decision on the Digital Notice Board of Rally Sweden and on the Digital Notice Board of 92e Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo.



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The Stewards



Kai Tarkiainen



Bertil Klarin

**This decision was notified to:**

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	<b>MARWAN ELGHADI</b>	<i>Date:</i>	<b>18.02.2024</b>
<i>Position within the team:</i>	<b>TEAM LEAD-MOTORSPORT DIVISION OF P1 Performance Fuels GmbH</b>	<i>Time:</i>	<b>19.10</b>

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	<b>LOUIS CHAZEL</b>	<i>Date:</i>	<b>18.02.2024</b>
<i>Position within the team:</i>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE OF COMPETITOR No. 60 at 92e Rallye Automobile Monte-Carlo</b>	<i>Time:</i>	<b>19.10</b>

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