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**From:** The Stewards  
**To:** Mr. ALOISIO MONTEIRO – as “Participant” at Vodafone Rally de Portugal 2023  
All Competitors / crew members

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course, summoned a Senior Representative of Racing Factory Team, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**Facts** On Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Mr. Aloisio Monteiro approached, with excessive speed, the entrance of the Service Park at Gate B as indicated in the Exponor Layout of Rally HQ / Service Park – Road Book of Section 3, page 116, symbol 38.

**Offence** Breach of Art. 12.2.1.h of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code

**Decision** (1) A **fine of € 500** to Mr. Aloisio Monteiro

(2) - To deny access to all reserved areas of Vodafone Rally de Portugal 2023 by Mr. Aloisio Monteiro, in accordance with Art. 11.9.3.h of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code.

- All rally passes given to Mr. Aloisio Monteiro to be withdrawn by the Organising Committee of Vodafone Rally de Portugal 2023.
- All rally plates and access stickers applied to the car Mercedes G63, involved in the incident, to be removed and given back to the Organising Committee of Vodafone Rally de Portugal 2023.

This decision (2) is being applied with suspension of sentence subject to no further breach of Art. 12.2.1.h of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code during the Vodafone Rally de Portugal 2023.

(3) The present decision to be forwarded to FPAK (Portuguese ASN) for possible further action.

In accordance with Art. 12.8 of the 2023 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** On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 the Clerk of the Course reported to the Stewards on an incident that had occurred on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 21.30 hrs, at the entrance of the Service Park at Gate B, as indicated in the Exponor Layout of Rally HQ / Service Park - Road Book of Section 3, page 116, symbol 38, with an enclosed report of Mr. Diogo Nunes, the official responsible of Logistics and who was at Gate B at that time.

The Gate B area is one of the restricted circulation area for civilian vehicles where passes must be checked to ensure access is controlled.

A car driven by a member of Racing Factory Team, with a Service Park plate and the sticker SP applied on its windscreen, approached the entrance of the Service Park with excessive speed.

At that time there was a big attendance of public at the Service Park and the cross walk was filled with people crossing the road.



The Stewards issued a summons to a Senior Representative of the Racing Factory Team, which was notified and acknowledged by Mr. Aloisio Monteiro on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 15.37 hrs.

Mr. Monteiro appeared in front of the Stewards on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 16.05 hrs. He stated that he was the driver of the car mentioned in the Clerk of the Course report and that, when he had arrived at the Exponor entrance, there was huge traffic jam. Unfortunately there was not a dedicated corridor for service cars but for competitive cars only. He also admitted that once he had passed the first police gate, he proceeded with high speed because he didn't have much time to go to the service bay of his Team.

When he arrived at Gate B, he was stopped and there was a verbal clash between himself and the official at this location.

After a short heated discussion, he entered the Service Park with his car at a speed that was appropriate.

The Stewards then decided to summon the Official responsible for the logistics at the Exponor area.

Mr. Diogo Nunes appeared in front of the Stewards on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 16.30 hrs. He confirmed that he had stopped the car because it was approaching the area with a dangerous speed and there were pedestrians crossing the road.

The Stewards asked the Clerk of the Course if it was possible to hear the security people on duty at this location as witnesses.

Two people appointed by the security company appeared in front of the Stewards on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 16.55 hrs.

Both the officers confirmed the version of the event described by Mr. Diego Nunes.

As stipulated in the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code, a "**Participant**" is any person having access to the Reserved Areas.

The Service Park, the zone where competition is taking place and the zones that are barred to the public are "**Reserved Area**" as stipulated in the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code.

Furthermore, as stipulated in Art. 1.1.1 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, any suppliers connected with competitive cars are considered to be rally participants in accordance with Article 1.3 of the International Sporting Code, and as such must adhere to the obligations imposed on them and abide by the decisions of the sporting authority.

The Racing Factory Team is the team supporting cars. No. 36 and 80 in Vodafone Rally de Portugal 2023.

Art. 1.3 of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code stipulates that any person, or group of persons, organising a Competition or taking part therein:

- shall be deemed to be acquainted with the statutes and regulations of the FIA and the national regulations.
- shall undertake to submit themselves without reserve to the above and to the decisions of the sporting authority and to the consequences resulting therefrom.

As stipulated in Articles 11.9.1 and 11.9.2.a of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code, the Stewards:

- shall have supreme authority for the enforcement of the Code, of the regulations of the FIA if appropriate, of national rules and Supplementary Regulations and of Official Programmes within the framework of the Event for which they are appointed, subject to the application of the provisions of Articles 11.9.3.w and 14.1 of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code.



Mr. Aloisio Monteiro is considered as a "Participant" of Vodafone Rally de Portugal 2023.

As stipulated in Art. 12.2.1.h of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code, any unsafe act or failure to take reasonable measures, thus resulting in an unsafe situation is a breach of the regulations.

Excessive speeding in a restricted area with affluence of public is an unsafe act and the traffic jam nor the allegedly failure of dedicated corridors for service cars nor the absence of cars nor the delay created by traffic jam can be taken in account to claim mitigating circumstances.

Safety remains a key challenge and the FIA is committed to do everything possible to improve the driving behaviour of all people involved during the events.

Under the above circumstances and considerations, the Stewards concluded that the penalties imposed are proportional.

The interested parties 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.



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The Stewards

This decision was notified to Mr. Aloisio Monteiro as below:

Name (in block letters):	<b>ALOISIO MONTEIRO</b>	Date:	<b>13.5.2023</b>
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