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Date:	<b>Sunday, 21 May 2023</b>	Time:	<b>19.55 hrs</b>
Subject:	<b>Stewards Decision No. 8</b>	Document No.:	<b>2.11</b>

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From:	<b>The Stewards</b>		
To:	Competitor car no: <b>7 MATHIEU FRANCESCHI</b> Crew: <b>Mathieu FRANCESCHI / Jules ESCARTEFIGUE</b>		

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course, a report from the Safety Tracking System, a report received from the police, summoned the above crew members as well as a competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**Fact:** On 20.05.2023 at approx. 11.07 hrs, after the stop control zone of SS4, car # 7 stopped on the rails of the Polish Railway for approx. 2 minutes. On 21.05.2023, when the CRO ask the crew to stop after TC12A, to sign the ticket given by the police the crew did not stop and continued to their Service Bay.

**Offence:** Breach of Art. 12.2.1.d, 12.2.1.h and 12.2.1.i of the FIA International Sporting Code  
Breach of Art. Art. 34.3.1 FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulation

**Decision: Fine 200 €**

In accordance with Article 12.7 FIA International Sporting Code, the payment of the fines must be done online, within 48 hours of their notification, at the following address: <https://fiafines.fia.com>. Any delay in making payment may entail suspension during the period he fine remains unpaid.

**Reprimand** - The drivers must apologise to the Competitor Relation Officer for their miss-behaviour.

**Reason:** A hearing was held on Saturday 16th October 2021 at 21.05 hrs in the presence of driver Mathieu Franceschi, co-driver Jule Escartefigue and Team Representatives Lora Borges. The drivers explained that they are sorry for their wrong behaviour. However, they think it was only about 30 seconds that they were standing on the railway. For this they have already received a fine from the police. They further stated that the second incident was a misunderstanding. According to their understanding, it was agreed that the CRO and the police would come to them at the service place. They did not want to lose time as the service time was only 30 minutes.

The Stewards concluded that the driver of car no. 7 was in breach of Art. 34.3.1 of the 2023 FIA RRSR, which explicitly mandates that crews must observe the national traffic laws, and imposed the above fine under RRSR Art. 34.3.4. The conduct of the crew towards the CRO is also not in line with proper conduct towards an official.

As mitigating reasons for the decision, the STW considered that the offence on the railway tracks was only for a very short time and that the police had already issued a sanction for this. In the case of non-compliance with the CRO's instruction, this may have been due to a misunderstanding, due to language, and that the crew did not move significantly away from the TC12B.

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

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Competitors are reminded of their right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.



**Uwe M. SCHMIDT (DEU)**  
FIA Chairman of the Stewards



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FIA Steward



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ASN Steward

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

<i>Name in block letters</i>	Lora Borges	Date	<b>21.05.2023</b>
<i>Position in the team</i>	<b>Team Representative</b>	Time	<b>20:05</b>

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