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**From:** The Stewards  
**To:** The Competitor M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM of car No. 26  
Crew ADRIEN FOURMAUX / ALEXANDRE CORIA

All Competitors / crew members

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The Stewards, having received a report from Clerk of the Course, summoned the above Driver and Co-driver and the Team representative, considered the following matter and determine the following:

**Facts** The Crew's members of car No. 26 left the finish holding area at Himos (after the Power Stage) without permission and without attending the Podium Ceremony.

**Offence** Breach of Articles:  
- 12.16 of the Supplementary Regulations  
- 66.1 of the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations  
- 12.2.1.i of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code.

**Decision**

- (1) To impose a Reprimand on the Driver ADRIEN FOURMAUX and Co-Driver ALEXANDRE CORIA of car No. 26
- (2) Driver and Co-driver shall be jointly and severally liable to pay a **Fine of € 1000**. This fine (2) is applied with **suspension of sentence** subject to no further breach by the crew's members of car No. 26 of the above-mentioned articles and other articles related to promotional activities at any FIA WRC events during the year 2023.
- (3) To impose an additional **Fine of € 2000** on the Competitor M-SPORT FORD WORLD RALLY TEAM of car No. 26

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** A hearing was held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 15:50 hrs, in the presence of the driver, co-driver and Team Representative of Competitor No. 26, Ms. Céline Guès.

The co-driver stated that he had instructed his driver to approach TC22A to leave the holding area because in the time card, next to the actual start time, it was written "Maximum Time 30 min"; (the crew started SS22 at 13.35 hrs and left the Holding Area at 14.00 hrs.).

The crew's members declared that they were not aware of Art. 12.15 of the Supplementary Regulations, which stipulates that, contrary to the prescriptions of Appendix IV to the 2023 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, the podium procedure would have been combined for the Power Stage and the rally in general.

In Bulletin 1 it was clearly indicated that the Podium Ceremonies would have been described in Rally Guide 2: for FIA WRC2 competitors, there would be a ceremony for the three top classified drivers and co-drivers.

Furthermore, the Team Representative confirmed that she had received the Podium procedure from the FIA Media Delegate on Sunday morning 06<sup>th</sup> August 2023, but

due to some communication misunderstandings inside the team, the information were not given to the crew's members of car No. 26.

As concerns the "Maximum time 30 min" written in the Time Card next to the actual Start time of SS22, this was not the target time to reach TC22A as understood by the co-driver of car No. 26 but, as stipulated in Art. 12.15 of the Supplementary Regulations, it was the maximum time for the Power Stage, from the start to the flying finish and not to TC22A.

Art. 12.16 of the Supplementary Regulations indeed stipulates that the Power Stage Holding Area starts at the STOP control and ends at TC22A. In that area cars were under parc fermé rules. Between the STOP control and TC22A all cars were neutralized and the crews had to follow the marshals' orders.

Having considered the matter extensively, the Stewards concluded that this incident had a negative impact on the Event and therefore decided that both the crew's members and the Team representative breached the above-mentioned regulations.

Competitors 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.



Edoardo Delleani



Emilia Abel



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The Stewards

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	<b>CÉLINE GUÈS</b>	<i>Date:</i>	<b>6.8.2023</b>
<i>Position within the team:</i>	<b>SPORTING CO-ORDINATOR</b>	<i>Time:</i>	<b>19:00 hrs</b>

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