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**From:** The Stewards  
**To:** The Competitor NICOLAS RESSEGAIRE of car No. 84  
Crew NICOLAS RESSEGAIRE / MARINA MICHELI

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The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Deputy Technical Delegate with documentary evidence attached, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

**Facts** During routine checks at the Stop Control zone at the end of SS6, car No. 84 was found with the control unit of the extinguishing system not in operating position.

**Offence** Breach of Article 253-7.2 of Appendix J to the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code

**Decision** **Fine of € 1000 on Competitor No. 84**

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** The Competitor was informed accordingly by the Stewards and was given the possibility, if he wished, to bring forward any representations other than having forgotten to activate the extinguishing system.

The Competitor informed that he wanted to make representations.

A hearing was held on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023 at 14.00 hrs, in the presence of Mr. Bernard Bathedou, Team Representative, and Ms. Céline Causse, interpreter. Mr. Bathedou explained that the extinguisher system was turned off accidentally during SS6. He apologised for this lapse.

As stipulated in Art. 253-7.2.4 of Appendix J to the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code, the system must work in all positions. Art. 253-7.2 of Appendix J to the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code does not specify when the system can be switched on or switched off. For this reason, it must always be active during the rally.

The fire extinguishing system is a major safety item to protect the crew in case of fire in the car and it is essential for the crews' safety. Safety remains a key challenge and the FIA is committed to do everything possible to protect, among others, the crew.

It is further to be noted that the Clerk of the Course issued Communication No. 4 on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023, reminding all competitors about the activation of the extinguishing system. Competitors must always ensure that the system is activated before leaving the service park.

The Stewards therefore conclude that this is a breach of Art. 253-7.2 of Appendix J to the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code.

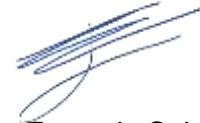
Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2023 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Edoardo Delleani  
The Stewards



François Dumont



Jean-François Calmes

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	<b>BERNARD BATHEDOU</b>	<i>Date:</i>	<b>21.1.2023</b>
<i>Position within the team:</i>	<b>TEAM REPRESENTATIVE</b>	<i>Time:</i>	<b>15:00</b>

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