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Date:	**Saturday, 01st August 2026**	Time (decision):	**18:30 hrs**
Subject:	**STEWARDS DECISION No. 1**	Document No.:	**2.3**

From: The Stewards

To: Competitor of car No: 64 **Paulo CARVALHEIRO**
Crew: **Paulo CARVALHEIRO /José PATRÍCIO**

The Stewards, having received a report from Technical Delegate (document Nº.6.5), have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Fact: During routine checks of the fire extinguishing system of car No. 64 was found that the system switch was in the OFF position at Shakedown, SS/PEC 1, SS/PEC 2, SS/PEC 6 and PEC 9.

Offence: Breach of Art. 253-7.2 of Appendix J of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code

Decision: **Fine of € 1000 on the Competitor of car No 64 Paulo CARVALHEIRO**

In accordance with Art. 12.8 of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code and Art. 15.4. of the *Rali da Madeira* Supplementary Regulations, 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 Saturday, 01 August 2026 at 15:20 hrs. in the presence of Mr. Tiago Cró, the representative of the Competitor of car No. 64.
During the hearing the Report of the Technical Delegate was read to Mr. Tiago. Then, the competitor's representative stated that the fire extinguishing system was newly installed and that the battery was not charging correctly. He further explained that the entire system had been purchased in January of this year and had not been used before this event.
According to the representative, to rectify this problem, spare batteries were carried in the vehicle to allow replacement whenever necessary.
At the start of the above-mentioned Special Stages, the system was checked by the Scrutineers and was found to be switched off.
Accordingly, the Stewards instructed the Technical Delegates to verify the status of the fire extinguishing system at the exit of the Service Park (TC 12C) and at the start of PEC 13 in order to ensure that the system was switched on. The Stewards received a report from the Technical Delegate that the system was operational.

As stipulated in Art. 253-7.2.4 of Appendix J of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code, the system must work throughout the Event.

Since the system was found to be not operational during the mentioned

checks, the Stewards decided to impose a fine as per Art. 12.4.1.c of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code, which is in line with decisions of the same nature.

Competitors are reminded of their right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2026 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 5 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

Jordi Parro	Kipras Ateknavicius	Paulo Laginha
Chair of the Panel of Stewards	**FIA International Steward**	**ASN Steward**
FIA-STW-26-000111	**FIA-STW-26-000222**	**CDA PT26/0012**

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

Name in block letters	**TIAGO CRÓ**	Date	**01.08.2026**
Position in the team	**Team Manager**	Time	**18:30 hrs**