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**From:** The Stewards  
**To:** The Competitor MCRAE KIMATHI of car No. 62  
Crew MCRAE KIMATHI / MWANGI KIONI

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The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA 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 SS13 car No. 62 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 2022 FIA International Sporting Code

**Decision** **Fine of € 1000 on Competitor No. 62**

In accordance with Art. 12.8 of the 2022 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 would make further representations.

A hearing was held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2022 at 23.15 hrs, in the presence of driver Mcrae Kimathi, co-driver Mwangi Kioni and Team Manager, Tapio Laukkanen. The co-driver stated that he forgot to trigger the extinguisher system and apologised for his lapse.

As stipulated in Art. 253-7.2.4 of Appendix J to the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code, the system must work in all positions. Art. 253-7.2 of Appendix J to the 2022 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.

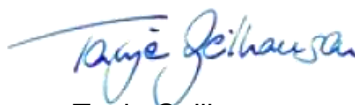
It is further to be noted that the Clerk of the Course issued Communication No. 4 on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022, reminding all competitors about the activation of the extinguishing system. Competitors must always ensure that the system is activated before leaving the service park.

The Stewards therefore conclude that this is a breach of Art. 253-7.2 of Appendix J to the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code.

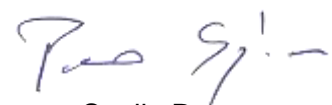
Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Edoardo Delleani  
The Stewards



Tanja Geilhausen



Sanjin Paro

**Re: Stewards Decision No. 15 – Croatia Rally 2022**

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	<b>MICHELE FERRARA</b>	<i>Date:</i>	<b>24.04.2022</b>
<i>Position within the team:</i>	<b>FIA JUNIOR WRC SPORTING SUPERVISOR</b>	<i>Time:</i>	<b>08:30</b>

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