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**To:** The Competitor TOYOTA GAZOO RACING WRT of car No. 1  
Crew SEBASTIEN OGIER / JULIEN INGRASSIA

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The Stewards, having received a report from the Clerk of the Course with attached documentary evidence 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:

**Facts** The crew of car No. 1 overtook a car driving in front of them on a road section (Road Book page 150 box 35), using the hard shoulder on the right-hand side on Saturday 16.10.2021 at 17.22 hrs.  
They also did not stop when being shown to do so by the police officer at the incident site.  
The driver was fined by the police for these two infringements.

**Offence** Breach of Article 34.3.1 in conjunction with Article 34.3.4 a) of the 2021 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.

**Decision** **Fine of € 2000** onto the driver of car No.1 SEBASTIEN OGIER

**Reason** A hearing was held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 21.05 hrs in the presence of driver Sebastien Ogier, co-driver Julien Ingrassia and Sporting Director, Kaj Lindström.

The driver stated that at the roundabout where the incident had happened the road was blocked by the police.  
He admitted having overtaken the car in front of him on the right-hand side and he apologized for this lapse. Nevertheless, he stated that he had not understood the hand signs made by the police officer because the officer was not in front of the car queue and very often such signs are made to help the rally cars drive through the traffic jam. Furthermore, he added that he drove through the roundabout at low speed.

The Stewards decided to conduct further investigations with the COC, requesting a report from the police officer involved in the incident. Mr. Kaj Lindström was informed accordingly.

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021 the ASN Steward had a phone call at 9.30hrs with the police's representative, who stated that the queue was the consequence of a road blockage due to a routine control. He also confirmed that the driver overtook the car in front of him on the right-hand side when approaching the roundabout and that the signs shown to car no. 1 may have not been clear as the officer was not placed directly on the driving line of the car.

The Stewards concluded that the driver of car no. 1 was in breach of Art. 34.3.1 of the 2021 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations, which explicitly mandates that crews must observe the national traffic laws, and imposed the above fine under WRC Art. 34.3.4 a).

Mr. Ogier was already penalised during this season for a similar offence. However, the Stewards, having considered the mitigating circumstances surrounding this case, concurred that the above penalty was consistent and appropriate.

Competitors are reminded that they have the 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.



Edoardo Delleani  
The Stewards



Kai Tarkiainen



David Domingo

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

<i>Name (in block letters):</i>	<b>KAJ LINDSTRÖM</b>	<i>Date:</i>	<b>17/10/21</b>
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