

Barum Czech Rally Zlín

26th – 29th August 2021



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Subject:	DECISION No. 06	Document No.:	2.9
From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car no 79 Name: Petr LUKAŠÍK Crew: Petr LUKAŠÍK / Mikulášková Martina LUKAŠÍKOVÁ		
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The Stewards, having received a report with photos from the FIA Technical Delegate (Doc. No 6.7), heard the drivers, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: During routine checks in the Stop Control zone at the end of SS 4, the car was found with the control unit of the extinguisher system not in operating position.

Offence: Beach of Article 253-7.2 of Appendix J to the 2021 FIA International Sporting Code

Decision: **(1) Obligation to accomplish 3 days of work of interest to the Czech Motorsport to be defined by the Autoklub Ceske Republiky (ASN);**

(2) Fine 500 €

In accordance with Article 12.7 FIA International Sporting Code, the payment of the fines must be done online, within 48 hours of their notification, at the following address: <https://fiafines.fia.com>. Any delay in making payment may entail suspension during the period the fine remains unpaid.

Reason: The drivers admitted that they forgot to activate the system after the service. They state that it was not done intentionally and the apologize for the laps.

As stipulated in Article 253-7.2.4 of Appendix J to the 2021 FIA International Sporting Code, the system must work in all positions. Article 253-7.2 of Appendix J to the 2021 FIA International Sporting Code does not specify when the system can be switched on or switched off. For this reason, and in accordance with Art. 32.2.1 of the FIA Regional Rally Sporting Regulations, it must always be active during the rally. Doubtless it must be armed on Special Stages.

The fire extinguisher system is a major safety item to protect the crew in case of fire in the car. It is essential for the driver's safety and safety is one of the major concerns by the FIA. Safety remains a key challenge and the FIA is committed to do everything possible to protect, among others, the drivers.

It is further to be noted that the Clerk of the Course issued Communication No. 3 on 21 August reminding all competitors about the activation of the extinguisher system. Competitors must always ensure that the system is activated before leaving the service park.

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The Stewards therefore concluded that this was a breach of Article 253-7.2 of Appendix J to the 2021 FIA International Sporting Code. The stewards are aware that the fine in these cases is higher than the penalty imposed here. However, the stewards feel that in this case, especially as it concerns national drivers, the sanction should consider these circumstances. In addition to the fine, the Stewards consider it more appropriate and necessary for the drivers to do some work for motorsport so that they become more aware of their wrongful behaviour.

The decision is based on the FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, Art. 11.9.3.a; Art. 11.9.3 f; Art. 12.4.1.c. and Art. 12.4.1.d.

Competitors are reminded of their right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Article 9.1.1 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

In accordance with Article 15.4.2.b the Stewards set the time limit for the notification of the intention to appeal to 29. August 2021 at 14.00 hrs.

According to Art. 12.3.3.b of the Code this decision of the Stewards becomes immediately binding even in the event of an appeal, since it concerns a matter of safety.

Uwe M. SCHMIDT (DEU)
FIA Chairman of the Stewards

Arnas PALIUKENAS (LTU)
FIA Steward

Tomas KUNC (CZE)
ASN Steward

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

<i>Name in block letters</i>	Petr LUKAŠÍK	Date	29.08.2021
<i>Position in the team</i>	Driver and Team Representative	Time	11.13 hrs

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