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Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION N° 9**

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From: *The Stewards*

To: *The competitor of car N° 426 Name: **ERIC ABEL**
Crew: **Eric ABEL / Christian MANEZ***

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The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Technical Delegate (Document 6.4), have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts:

At the start of SS3, it appears that the installed extinguisher system of the car #426 was not armed:

Offence:

Breach of ISC Appendix J Article 283.7.

Decision:

Fine of 1000 €

In accordance with Article 12.8 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 a fine remains unpaid.

Reason:

As stipulated in Article 283.7 of Appendix J to the 2021 FIA International Sporting Code, the system must work in all positions. Article 283.7 of Appendix J to the 2021 FIA Sporting Code does not specify when the system can be switched on or switched off. For this reason, and in accordance with Art. 25.3.1 of the 2021 FIA Cross Country 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 n°1 on 08/10/2021 reminding all competitors about the activation of the extinguisher system. Competitors must always ensure that the system is activated before leaving the bivouac.

The Stewards concluded that the competitor broke the safety regulation of ISC Appendix J Art. 283-7. The Stewards decision was made based on the FIA ISC Art. 11.9.1; ISC Art. 11.9.3.a, ISC Art. 11.9.3.f and ISC Art. 12.4.1.c.

The Competitor is reminded of his 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.

According Article 12.3.3.b of the 2021 FIA International Sporting Code, this Decision of the Stewards becomes immediately binding even in the event of an appeal since it concerns a question of safety.



Jordi PARRO VIDAL
FIA Chairman of the Stewards



Wilhelm SINGER
FIA Steward



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ASN Steward

Received by:

Name:

Competitor: **ERIC ABEL**

Car No: 426

Crew: **Eric ABEL / Christian MANEZ**

Date: **11/10/21** Time: **20h 00 -**

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