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Subject:	DECISION No. 03	Document No.:	2.5
From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car no 405 Name: Snag Racing Crew: Cristiano DE SOUSA BATISTA/Wladimir GRUNENBERG ALVES REIS		
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The Stewards, having received a report from FIA Technical Delegate (document No 6.7), having summoned and heard the co-driver Wladimir Grunenber Alves Reis (summons No 8), have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Crew and car No: Cristiano DE SOUSA BATISTA/Wladimir GRUNENBERG ALVES REIS, car No 405

Competitor: Snag Racing Team

Time (fact): 17:35 hrs Friday, 11 February 2022

Session: inspection after SS1

Fact: The overall of the co-driver Wladimir Grunenber Alves Reis did not meet the technical and safety requirements.

Behaviour in an unsportsmanlike manner (the crew, knowing that the overall of the co-driver did not meet the requirements, tried to unfairly deceive the official persons. In doing so, he acted in breach of the principles of sport, disobeying the instruction of officials not to use the overall that did not meet the requirements, even though they were aware of such a discrepancy after pre-event inspections).

Offence: Breach of 2022 FIA International Sporting Code Art. 12.2.1.c, Art. 12.2.1.h, Art. 12.2.1.i, Art. 12.2.1.l, Supplementary regulations Art. 10.3

Decision:

- 1) **Fine penalty 750 EUR (seven hundred and fifty euros) is imposed on the co-driver Wladimir Grunenber Alves Reis**

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.

- 2) Disqualification the car No 405 Crew Cristiano DE SOUSA BATISTA/ Wladimir GRUNENBERG ALVES REIS. This disqualification being applied with suspension of sentence. Disqualification will come to effect if the overall of the co-driver does not meet the requirements by the moment of the Start of Leg 1 Section 2.**

Reason:

The Technical Delegate's report noted that the fact that the co-driver's overall did not meet the requirements was confirmed during the pre-event scrutineering. However, in that case, another overall was presented for inspection, which met the requirements. As a result, the crew was allowed to start. However, during the inspection that followed SS1, it was found that the co-driver was wearing non-compliant overall during the SS 1. He wore an overall that was already recognised as non-compliant during the pre-event scrutineering.

The co-driver Wladimir Grunenber Alves Reis explained that the circumstances and facts in the Technical Delegate's report are correct. And pointed out that the overall with which he managed to successfully pass pre-event checks appeared too small for him. He came to this event from a very far away, from Brazil. The overall manufacturer did not deliver him a new overall to Brazil in time, although he had ordered it. Therefore, he bought a new overall today in Russia. And tomorrow morning he could start with that new overall.

The Stewards decide in this case that the behaviour of the co-driver and the crew, where one overall is presented during the pre-event checks and another overall is used during competitions, is contrary to the fundamental principles of fair treatment in sport. Failure to comply with the instructions of officials, deliberate misleading of officials cannot be tolerated. Moreover, it is an activity against the safety of competitions. The FIA is making great efforts to increase the value and improvement of safety in motorsport.

Such behaviour harms motorsport in general and Cross – Country Rally (Bajas) discipline in particular as well.

Offences or infringements are punishable, whether they were committed intentionally or through negligence (ISC Art. 12.1.1.a)

In this such case, only disqualification of the Car no. 405 may be granted.

The co-driver should also be given an additional penalty, as Stewards have no doubt that the co-driver made a significant contribution to such crew behaviour through his active individual actions. In this case, a fine penalty of 750 Eur is appropriate.

However, the Stewards decide that if the co-driver has indeed already purchased a new overall, it would be possible in this case to allow the crew to continue the competition. Therefore, disqualification as penalty is suspended by the Stewards until the start of Leg 1 Section 2.

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. 11.9.3.i.

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, within the applicable time limits.

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 questions of safety and irregularity of Entry by a Competitor entering a Competition.



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

<i>Name in block letters</i>	WLADIMIR GRUNENBERG ALVES REIS	Date	11.02.2022
<i>Position in the team</i>	co-driver	Time	23:00

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