

Andalucía Rally 2021

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Date:	Sunday, 16th May 2021	Time (decision):	09.30 hrs
Subject:	DECISION No. 04	Document No.:	2.6
From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car # 422 Name: South Racing Crew: Andre THEWESSEN / Stijn BASTINGS		
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The Stewards, having received the report (Doc. n° 3.50) from the Clerk of the Course, having examined the document, summoned, and heard the driver Andre THEWESSEN, co-driver Stijn BASTINGS, and team representative(s) Annmarie GERANDI, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: In Selective Sections 2 (Leg 1) car n° 422 has got 10 overtaking requests from car n° 423 during a period of approx. 6 minutes. None of these communications were acknowledge be the crew.

Offence: Breach of Art. 48.3.4 and Art. 27.1.3 of the 2021 FIA Cross-Country Rally Sporting Regulations (FIA CCRSR)
Breach of Art. 10.5.2. of the Supplementary Regulations.

Decision: **Time penalty of 15 minutes** to be applied in Leg 1.

Reason: The team explained that they did respond on the sentinel and the stopped the car so another car could pass. They do not confirm that they received the sentinel signal 10 times. They do not think that did anything wrong.

To make overtaking between competitors safer, a vehicle-to-vehicle communication system is be fitted to each vehicle. The supplementary regulations make it clear that any competitor caught by another competitor must pull over and allow themselves to be overtaken. A crew has received 3 requests to overtake (aural warnings) coming from the one and same car, in a lapse of time less than or equal to 45 second must, in the 15 second following the third request, do everything possible to allow the competitor making the request to overtake. In addition, after receiving the request to overtake the crew must acknowledge these requests. Also, in the pre-event briefing it was explicitly pointed out how the participants should behave if another competitor closes from behind.

The NAV-GPS system recorded the overtaking requests and the automatic confirmation that the request was received by car n° 422. There is no acknowledgement recorded send by the crew. The Stewards do not have any doubt that the Sentinel system was working properly.

The Stewards took into consideration that, the crew are beginners in the Cross-Country sport and thus not yet well acquainted with the Sentinel. Nevertheless, it must be made clear that this is not a minor offence. Above all, it is unsportsmanlike not to allow faster participants to overtake.

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

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FIA Chairman of the Stewards

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Received by the Competitor:

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