

Azores Rallye

16.- 18. September 2021



Date:	Saturday, 18 September 2021	Time (decision):	12:18 hrs
Subject:	DECISION No. 02	Document No.:	2.4
From:	The Stewards		
To:	Competitor car No: 19 Name: Play Racing Crew: Pedro ANTUNES / Pedro ALVES		
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The Stewards, having received a report with 2 photos from the FIA Technical Delegate, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: During routine checks in the Stop Control zone at the end of SS 8, the car was found with the control unit of the extinguisher system in test mode.

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

Decision: **Fine 1000 €**

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: 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. 1 on 07 September reminding all competitors about the activation of the extinguisher system. Competitors must always ensure that the system is activated before leaving the service park.

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

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 18. September 2021 at 17.00 hrs.

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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

Wilhelm SINGER (AUT)
FIA Steward

Luís TOURAIS DE MATOS
ASN Steward

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

<i>Name in block letters</i>	Thomas Beluche	Date	18.09.2021
<i>Position in the team</i>	Team Representative	Time	12.20 hrs

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