

Date: **14.8.2021**Time: **22:30 hrs**Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION NO. 19**Document No: **2.20**

To: *The Competitor AUTOSTAL ATLANTIC of car No. 118*
Crew LOUIS VANDENBORRE / TONY VANDAMME

The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Deputy Technical Delegate with documentary evidence attached, summoned a representative of the above Competitor, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts During routine checks at the Stop Control zone at the end of SS 13, car 118 was found with the control unit of the extinguisher system not in operating position.

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

Decision **A fine of 1000 €** on the Competitor AUTOSTAL ATLANTIC.

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, it must always be active during the rally.

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 drivers' 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.

The Competitor was informed accordingly by the Stewards and was given the possibility, if he wished, to bring forward any representations other than having forgotten to activate the extinguisher system.

The Stewards heard from Mr Anthony Deboosere at 20:05 on Saturday 14th August. Mr Deboosere apologized for the lapse. He said that the system was activated in the morning but a nearby seat belt buckle might have switched it off.

It is further to be noted that the Clerk of the Course issued Communication No. 5 on Thursday 12 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.

Also, the crew of car No. 118 was already warned when the car's fire extinguisher system was found not to be in operating position at the tyre marking after TC0.

The Stewards therefore concluded that this was a breach of Article 253-7.2 of Appendix J to the 2021 FIA International Sporting Code.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2021 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the 2021 FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Timo Rautiainen
The Stewards



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François Dumont

RE: Stewards Decision No. 19

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

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| <i>Name (in block letters):</i> | ANTHONY DEBOOSERE | <i>Date:</i> | 14.8.2021 |
| <i>Position within the team:</i> | TEAM RESPONSIBLE | <i>Time:</i> | 22:35 |

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