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Subject: STEWARDS DECISION No. 7 **Document No:** 2.8

From: The Stewards
To: The Competitor HYUNDAI SHELL MOBIS WORLD RALLY TEAM of car No. 8
Crew OTT TÄNAK / MARTIN JÄRVEOJA

The Stewards, having received a report from the WRC Promoter with documentary evidence included, summoned the above driver as well as a competitor's representative, have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Facts The driver of car No. 8 was not wearing the cap issued by the Championship Promoter:

- on the Power Stage podium after the national anthems
- on the Final Podium in Tartu after the national anthems
- during the Post-Rally Press Conference

Offence Breach of Article 1.15 of Appendix IV to the 2022 FIA WRC Sporting Regulations.

Decision

- 1) To impose a **Fine of € 1000** on the driver Ott Tänak
- 2) To impose an additional **Fine of € 3000** on the driver, this fine being applied with suspension of sentence subject to no further breach of the above-mentioned article and other articles related to promotional activities at any FIA WRC events during the 2022 season.

In accordance with Art. 12.8 of the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code, fines shall be paid within 48 hours of their notification. Any delay in making payment may entail Suspension during the period a fine remains unpaid.

Reason A hearing was held on Sunday 17th July 2022 at 18.00 hrs, in the presence of driver Ott Tänak and Team Manager, Pablo Marcos.

The driver stated that during the podium after the Power Stage he had removed the cap only after the champagne spray because the cap was totally wet and the outside temperature was low.

Furthermore, when in Tartu at the final Podium, he was wearing the cap and he had removed it during the national anthems but had not worn it again for the same reasons.

After further investigations, the Stewards held a second hearing on Sunday 17th July 2022 at 19.40 hrs with Mr. Pablo Marcos.

The Stewards showed the video footage of the Power Stage podium available on WRC+ and other pictures taken at the Final Podium in Tartu.

This evidence clearly showed that Mr. Tänak was not wearing the cap neither before the champagne spray nor after it on both podiums and that his statement made in the first hearing was not correct.

Furthermore, the driver attended the Post-Rally Press Conference, which was held inside the HQ, also without the cap.

The Stewards concurred that this incident had a negative impact on the commercial rights of the WRC.

It is further to be considered that after WRC Rally Spain 2021 Hyundai was already warned for the same issue.

Having considered the matter extensively, the Stewards concluded that the driver of car No. 8 did not comply with the podium ceremony requirements and low outside temperature cannot be claimed as mitigating circumstances.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the 2022 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules.



Edoardo Delleani
The Stewards



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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>	PABLO MARCOS	<i>Date:</i>	17.7.2022
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