

Hail Rally (KSA)

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Date: Friday, 10th December 2021 Time: **16.00 hrs**
Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION N° 4** Document No: **2.6**

From: The Stewards
To: Competitor car no **301** Name: **Team Black Horse**
Crew: **Saleh Abdullah ALSAIF / Egor OKHOTNIKOV**

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The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Technical Delegate (document No 6.4), having examined the photos and videos included in the report, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: While performing some technical checks after the finish of SS2, the scrutineers have observed the presence of team personnel of the competitor car # 301. A video shows that water bottles were handed into the vehicle by a team member.

Offence: Breach of Article 2.24, Article 50.2.1 and Article 50.2.3 of the FIA Cross-Country Sporting Regulations.

Decision: **To impose a time penalty of 10 minutes on Leg 2**

Reason: The driver explained that he was no aware of the regulations regarding receiving material nor that the team personnel was not allowed to come close to the car. He apologies for this mistake.

The regulations are clear that the use or receipt by the crew of any manufactured materials (solid or liquid, unless supplied by the organisers), other than those carried in competing FIA groups vehicles is not allowed. The presence of team personnel not allowed in the regulations is considered to be a prohibited service. The passing of food, drink by anybody except the organiser to the crew is not permitted after the stop control on this road section. The team personnel should not come near to the competition car at this point.

According to the International Sporting Code Art. 12.1.2 infringements are punishable, whether they were committed intentionally or through negligence.

The Stewards concluded that the presence of team personnel and handing the water bottles in the car is a breach of the relevant regulation and time penalty is adequate for this offence, since the Stewards have no proof that the water handed to the crew was used for anything other than drinking.

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 Article 9.1.1 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

Uwe M. SCHMIDT
FIA Chairman of the Stewards

Jordi PARRO
FIA Steward

Ahmad JAN
ASN Steward

This decision was notified by email to the competitor representative as below:

<i>Name in block letters</i>	Saleh Abdullah ALSAIF	Date	10.12.2021
<i>Position in the team</i>	Driver	Time	16.15 hrs