

Rally Dakar 2022

30. December 2021 - 14. January 2022



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Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION N° 42** Document No: **2.45**

From: *The Stewards*
To: The Competitor of car no **459 Andre Thewessen**
Crew: **THEWESSEN Andre / BASTINGS Stijn**

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The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Technical Delegate (Doc. No. 6.6), having examined the photos included in the report, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: During routine checks in the neutralisation zone in Selective Section No 3, the car was found the fire extinguisher system not activated.

Offence: Breach of Article 283-7 of Appendix J to the 2021 FIA International Sporting Code.

Decision: **Fine 1.000 €**

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 283-7 of Appendix J to the 2021 FIA International Sporting Code, the system must work in all positions. Article 283-7 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 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 Stewards issued Communication No. 2 on 30. December 2021 and Communication No 3 on 02. January 2022 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 283-7 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 FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

Uwe M. SCHMIDT
FIA Chairman of the Stewards

Jordi PARRO
FIA Steward

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ASN Steward

This decision was notified via SPORTITY to the competitor representative as below:

<i>Name in block letters</i>	Andre Thewessen	Date	06.01.2022
<i>Position in the team</i>	Team Representative	Time	13.15 hrs

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