

Rally Dakar 2022

30. December 2021 - 14. January 2022



Date: **Tuesday, 4th January 2022**
Subject: **STEWARDS DECISION N° 15**

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From: *The Stewards*

To: Competitor car **no 423** Name: **MICHELE ANTONIO CINOTTO**
Crew: **Michele Antonio CINOTTO / Maurizio DOMINELLA**

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The Stewards, having received a report from the FIA Technical Delegate (Document 6.14), having examined the photos included in the report, have considered the following matter, determine the following:

Fact: During the neutralization of Leg 3, the Scrutineers found that on car 423, the codriver helmet was not correct.

Offence: Breach of FIA International Sporting Code, Appendix L 2022, Chapter III, Art. 1.1
Breach of Article 48.1 of the 2022 FIA Cross-Country Rally Sporting Regulation.
Breach of FIA International Sporting Code, Art 12.2.1 c

Decision: **To impose a fine of 3000 € to the codriver**

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 a fine remains unpaid.

Reason: The Technical Delegate report that both labels, FIA homologation label and Snell2010 are not original. Furthermore, mandatory "holographic" sticker is missing.

The FIA homologation department confirms that this labels in the helmet are "**fake**"

Only one label in the helmet is the original one, which is the "British Standard 6658-85". This homologation is not valid anymore since 2014.

The helmet has been confiscated by the Technical Delegate. The codriver has another helmet which has been approved by the Scrutineers.

The driver explained that he was aware that this was an old helmet with an expired homologation, but a friend proposed him to "homologate it again", and he accepted. So his friend produced new, fake homologation stickers which were affixed inside the helmet.

The article 48.1 of the 2022 CCR ST states that *whenever a vehicle is in motion on any type of Selective Section and until the stop control, the crew must wear homologated crash helmets, all required safety clothing and equipment in compliance with Appendix L Chapter III – Drivers' Equipment as intended by the equipment manufacturer and have their safety belts correctly fastened. Any infringement will be penalised by the Stewards (see also Appendix III to the present regulations).*

According to art. 12.2.1c of the FIA ISC, any fraudulent conduct is considered a breach of regulations. Art 12.1.2 of ISC states that offences or infringements are punishable, whether they were committed intentionally or through negligence.

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The normal penalty of the fraudulent conduct will be normally a disqualification. Since the codriver could present a new valid helmet which will be used during the remainder of the rally, the Stewards decided to give a strong fine instead of disqualifying the competitor.

The decision is based on the FIA International Sporting Code Art. 11.9.1, Art. 11.9.3 f; Art 12.2.1.c; Art. 12.3.1; Art. 12.4.1.c. and Art. 12.4.6.

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 via SPORTITY to the competitor representative as below:

<i>Name in block letters</i>	MAURIZIO DOMINELLA	Date	04.01.2022
<i>Position in the team</i>	Codriver	Time	23.30 hrs

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