

Rally Dakar 2022

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From: *The Stewards*
To: *The Competitor car no 224 - TEAM AUDI SPORT*
Crew: **MATTIAS EKSTROM / EMIL BERGKVIST**

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

Fact: Both crew members have presented the correct flame-resistant clothing during pre-event scrutineering. However, the shoes are not in compliance the new FIA 8856-2018 standard.

Offence: Breach of FIA International Sporting Code, Appendix L (2022), Chapter III-2
Breach of Article 48.1 of the 2022 FIA Cross-Country Rally Sporting Regulation (in force as of 28. December 2021)

Decision: **To impose a fine of 800 € to the driver**

Reason: The team representative informed the Stewards that the correct shoes have been order already in October, but the correct size did not arrive until now.

According to ISC Appendix L – Chapter III Drivers' Equipment, 2. Flame-resistant clothing, "*in selective sections of cross-country competitions....., all drivers and co-drivers must wear overalls as well as gloves (optional for co-drivers), long underwear, a balaclava, socks and shoes homologated to the FIA 8856-2000 standard (Technical List N°27) or FIA 8856-2018 standard (Technical List No 74)*". However, Appendix L also states that Drivers, if listed as a Priority driver, and participating in the FIA World Championship for Cross-Country Rallies must wear flame-resistant clothing homologated to the FIA 8856-2018 standard (Technical List No 74).

As the mandatory requirement to wear flame-resistant clothing homologated to the FIA 8856-2018 standard refers only to drivers listed as a Priority driver whereas clothing homologated to the FIA 8856-2000 standard is still acceptable for all other drivers, the Steward understand that the latter standard still gives a reasonable and acceptable protection and they do hence not consider the infringement of the above driver as a major infringement of the safety regulations which would, like in most other cases, give rise to a more severe sanction than the one imposed here.

In imposing the above amount of a penalty, the Stewards also considered that the requirement of the FIA 8856-2018 standard refers only to Priority drivers and not to their co-drivers who are not listed on any list of Priority drivers but who are nevertheless competing in the same vehicle.

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The LIST OF THE FIA CROSS-COUNTRY PRIORITY DRIVERS for 2022 was published on 14 December 2021. However, Mr. Ekstrom, because of his achievements in the past, was aware before this date that he will be on the list of priority drivers, so he could have ordered the shoes in time to wear the correct shoes during of the Rally Dakar 2022.

The Stewards finally conclude that there is a breach of the regulations and that a fine is necessary but sufficient for the reasons set out here.

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

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

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FIA Steward

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

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<i>Position in the team</i>	Team Representative	Time	11.10 hrs

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